WEATHER.
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NOTE TO THE WARRING NATIONS BEARS NO THREAT THAT UNITED STATES MAY BE DRAWN INTO WAR

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Lansing, in Official Interpretation, Says the Present Neutral Policy Stands.

NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED

Secretary Declares His Statement, Made Earlier Yesterday, Was Widely Misconstrued.

IT CAUSED CONSTERNATION

Second Statement Made After a Conference with President.

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Wilson's note to the belligerents urging discussion of peace was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late today by Secretary Lansing, in a formal statement issued to overtake what were characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one made earlier in the day, saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral, it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Lansing Called to White House.

Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part.

Mr. Lansing's first statement, made orally and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggeration of its language and purpose throughout official Washington. Its most striking phrases on which the widest speculation was based were that the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war" and that the sending of the note "will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war," and that neither he nor President Wilson regarded the note "as a peace note." Secretary Lansing's first statement was as follows:

The First Statement.

"The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows:

"It isn't our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical.

"I mean by that, that we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

"No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd-George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course, the difficulties that faced the President were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that that was the fact in the document itself."

Secretary Lansing further said:

"The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the President nor myself regard this note as a peace note; it is merely an effort to get belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

Greatest Consternation.

When word of what the Secretary of State had said spread throughout the capital it created the greatest consternation in official circles, and among the foreign diplomats, many of whom were calling at the State Department to receive their copies of the notes dispatched to their capitals.

It became apparent that the secretary's statement was not fully approved at the White House and that there was question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the American note was anything but what it indicated on its face. So, after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the second statement was formally prepared and dis-

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Wilson's Note Received With Startling Surprise In London

Officials, Newspapers and Others Wholly Unprepared for Any Such Movement Coming From the United States; Majority of the Press Commented Upon the Course with Satisfaction.

London, Dec. 21.—Absolutely and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised and frankly admitted so. The members of parliament were equally surprised, when the news spread through both houses during the afternoon session.

The newspaper offices were surprised, and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the foreign office in the morning papers. All information from America in the last few days, both in dispatches from the usuaully best informed Washington correspondents, and in advices to the banking and business firms, has said that the President had no intention of taking any steps toward peace or making any move in European affairs. When he transmitted Germany's note to Great Britain without comment, it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude toward the European situation.

Most of the newspapers commented upon this course with satisfaction. The tenor of their comments tomorrow will be that Premier Lloyd-George's speech and the speeches of the Russian, French and Italian statesmen have affirmed the Entente Allies' position and that unless the government gives notice of the nature of the proposals which it would bring to a conference the Allies cannot accept the invitation to sit around an European council table for a discussion of its terms.

LONDON POST COMMENTS ON THE NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS

Liverpool, Dec. 22. — The Post, referring to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents make known their desires concerning peace, says:

"President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the Allies are concerned, his intentions produce a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The Allies will readily give the President credit for the best of intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed, and ill-judged.

"The President's assurances that the recent German overtures had no prompting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroit, that we should be so appealed to by the United States at a moment when the Allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her own apparently favorable position cannot possibly be maintained.

"On the other hand, there is the possibility that Mr. Wilson's efforts are directed toward eliciting from Germany concrete terms of peace, which she withheld in her extraordinary ap-

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STOCKS BREAK ON FRENZIED SELLING

Yesterday Was Most Exciting Day in History of the Market, With One Exception.

SALES TOTALLED 3,176,000

Prices Slaughtered to Extent of Five, Ten and Fifteen Points—In One Instance There Was a Loss of 33 Points.

New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market today went through the most exciting day of its history with one exception. President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers, followed by Secretary Lansing's first explanatory statement of its intent, were the occasion of frenzied selling, which in scope and volume fairly dwarfed all the operations which followed on the peace proposals from Germany.

Prices were slaughtered to the extent of five, ten and 15 points and in one case 33, and the day's sales amounted to 3,176,000 shares, a total without precedent since the famous Northern Pacific corner of 1901.

The decline was virtually unchecked, only a few nominal rallies occurring in the final hour.

"War Brides" Hit Heavy.

The liquidation of the forenoon, amounting to more than 1,300,000 shares alone, was confined, as has been the case in the recent operations, to the so-called "war brides" but soon after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement suggesting that the United States was "drawing nearer to the verge of war," rails also began to participate in the decline, selling off sharply, with losses of from 4 to 8 points before the close.

Brokers' offices long before the opening were loaded with selling orders and when the gong on the floor of the exchange sounded there was a scene of excitement such as even veteran traders had not witnessed in many years. Brokers surged around the posts of the popular speculative stocks and opening offers were so wide apart that sales of one or two points difference occurred simultaneously.

Furious Trading Begins.

The first transactions recorded by the ticker showed losses ranging from 2 to 7 points. United States Steel, which was at the forefront throughout the day, first appeared on the tape with a transaction of 50,000 shares, representing a lumping together of numerous selling orders at 104 1-2 to 105 1-2, but creating a tremendous sensation. The trading from then on was furious and the excitement through the street intense. Brokers' offices were thronged with nervous customers, many of whom had to see their accounts sold out for lack of margins or to watch rapidly falling prices reach their "stop loss" orders. The private wires of commission houses were choked with selling orders from all parts of the country, particularly during the afternoon. The tickers soon fell far behind in recording the sales and no one knew at any given moment what the market

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WANTS PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED

Liberal Member of House of Commons Urges That They Be Allowed to See Light of Day

BONAR-LAW MAKES REPLY

Says If Such Sentiment Permeates Country, Then All Blood and Treasure Spent in War Would Have Been in Vain.

London, Dec. 21.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the house of commons tonight. Sir John A. Simon on behalf of himself and his group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd-George's speech in the house of commons and then Hastings B. L. Smith, liberal member for Northampton, dressed in his military uniform, sounded a new note urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain. Mr. Smith said in part:

"If the German proposals disclose an aggressive purpose then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence as they have been told.

"If it were put to a vote of the men at the front whether—provided we could obtain guarantees that our honorable obligations would be fulfilled—we should then make a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity.

"I am not prepared to face the prospects of a military decision which means a war of attrition unless I am convinced there is no other way out. I believe the security scheme by which the nations agree together each to guarantee all and all guarantee each. An attempt to hold the Central Empires down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two hostile camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever and would fasten conscription and militarism forever on all nations."

Bonar-Law's Reply.

Mr. Bonar-Law said:

"If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were to permeate the country, I believe that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain. *

"It it all very well to say: 'Let us get their terms of peace.' Yes but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before this war? * * *.

"Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations, will, I hope, understand

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DRAFTING BILL FOR MILITARY TRAINING

Measure Formulated by General Staff of the Army to be Introduced Next Month.

SCOTT IS CROSS-EXAMINED

Sharp Discussion Takes Place Before House Committee Over National Guard System and Question of Universal Service.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A definite plan for universal military training will be laid before Congress next month in the shape of a bill formulated by the general staff of the Army, accompanied by complete estimates of cost as compared to the present volunteer system. Major-General Scott, chief of staff, told the House Military committee today that the work was in progress, and would require about a month to complete. Charman Dent said the committee would be glad to see the bill.

In response to a laughing question as to who would introduce it in the House, Representative Kahn, of California, said:

"And I would be glad to have the honor to introduce it."

General Scott was subject to sharp cross examination today on his reiterated recommendation for a universal service measure, based in part on results of the volunteer system as shown in the mobilization of the National Guard for border service. Five of the 22 members of the committee took occasion to assert their belief in the theory of universal service, while two emphatically declared against sych a system.

Representative Tilson, himself a colonel in the National Guard, following General Scott's repeated assertion that the Federalization of the National Guard would not meet the country's needs said:

"I agree with you that voluntary military service is not an adequate system and probably would break down in time of war as it has done before. The National Guard system in particular is economically unwise because of the dual control over the forces by the Federal government and the state."

Taking up the report on the mobilization of the National Guard Representative Tilson then asked:

"Don't you think that in view of the enormously greater task of the regular service as the agent which conducts the mobilization, the regular arms fell down harder in proportion than the National Guard."

"We make many criticisms of ourselves," General Scott said, adding that a report on the Army's share in the mobilization already has been asked for and will be presented.

"That is what I want to appear in this record," said Representative Tilson, "because I want to show that no set of officers, no matter how well trained, could make this National Guard system work."

The probable nature of the bill now being drafted by a committee of the general staff was not disclosed by General Scott, who also refused to estimate the cost of such a system, except to say that proportionately it would be much less than the expense of the volunteer method of raising troops. It is known, however, that the possibility of welding into the new project the various sections of the defense act dealing with industrial organization for war purposes, the right to take over and operate manufacturing plants, railways and other peace time agencies, is under consideration.

When General Scott said that many members of the National Guard believed in universal service, Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, interrupted:

"That may be because you are keeping them on the border at police duty. I get letters every day indicating that many of them believe they are not fairly treated. The great body of the Guard want to do their duty."

"I think that is so," said General Scott.

"Then why not give this new system a fair trial before you condemn it?"

"We are giving it a fair trial and working in good faith to get the best results from it."

"Do you think we will ever get the kind of an army we should have as long as high officers of the regular Army refuse to bow to the mandates of Congress?" insisted Representative McKellar. "Do you think it is a good thing for generals of the Army to be coming out with reports and newspaper and magazine articles knocking the system?"

"I was sent here by the President and the Secretary of War to present my views," replied General Scott.

"How close will this system you have proposed bring us to militarism?" asked Representative Littlepage.

"Absolutely away from it," answered the officer. "I do not see that there is anything like militarism in it. It is a democratic system."

Representative Shallenberger asked if it was not true that every attempt in history to send large invading forces overseas has failed. He instanced the position of the Entente armies at Saloniki, saying, "They have not been able to gain a foot of ground against a small nation like Bulgaria."

"That is because of the trained soldiers that face them," said General Scott. "If we had trained soldiers we could do the same thing."

TED LEWIS AND JOHNNY GRIFFITH FIGHT TO A DRAW

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—In ten rapid-fire round tonight, Ted Lewis, of England, and Johnny Griffith, of Akron, welterweights, fought to a draw despite the fact that Lewis in the sixth, floored the Akronite and had him weak and groggy in the seventh. Griffith was the aggressor in the early rounds and gained a lead on points up to the sixth.

LONDON OBSERVES OFFICIAL SILENCE

Sudden and Unexpected Receipt of President Wilson's Note Has Puzzling Effect.

WILL BE PUBLISHED TODAY

It is Not Believed the American Communication Will Affect Reply to the Proposal of the Central Powers.

GERMAN EMPEROR MAY CALL GERARD INTO CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 21.—In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German emperor will at an early date summon to headquarters the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

London, Dec. 21.—In government circles official silence is observed regarding President Wilson's note suggesting an exchange of views among the belligerents, which will be given out for publication in Friday morning's newspapers. It is explained that this delay in publication is due in part to the absolute surprise caused by the receipt of the note, which was altogether unexpected, and in part to a desire to admit of its simultaneous publication in all the Entente allied countries.

While to cannot be said that the note was received with anything resembling a feeling of resentment, the Associated Press is enabled to say that its sudden and unexpected receipt puzzled official dom which was unprepared for it so close upon the heels of the German peace proposals. It is therefore believed the note will not interfere with the Allies for sending a joint reply to the German proposals which probably will be done before Christmas.

It is understood that opinion in official circles is that the speeches delivered within the last fortnight by the spokesmen of all the allied governments, the latest by Premier Lloyd-George, the most effective replied to the proposals of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and really state the position of all the Allies regarding any peace movement from any quarter.

JOINT REPLY TO GERMANIC PEACE PROPOSALS UNLIKELY

London, Dec. 1.—While the replies of the various Allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical and will not take the form of a joint reply. The reason for this is that while all the Entente Allies are agreed on the general principles of the reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different statement.

For example, the defense of small

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SALE OF THE DANISH ISLES IS APPROVED

Both Houses of Parliament in Denmark Vote Favorably.

Way Now Opened For Prompt Exchange of Ratifications of Treaty Under Which United States Will Gain Control.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21, (via London).—Both houses of the Danish parliament now have approved the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States The landsthing, or upper house, voted favorably upon the proposition today 40 to 19. The bill for ratification of the treaty providing for the sale was adopted by the folkething yesterday.

WAY IS NOW OPENED FOR RATIFICATION OF TREATY

Washington, Dec. 21.—Approval by Denmark's parliament of the treaty by which the United States will acquire the Danish West Indies, opens the way for a prompt exchange of ratifications between the two governments, and consummation of negotiations that have been in progress intermittently since the Civil War. The United States Senate already has given its approval and as soon as the formal exchanges have taken place, the administration will press measures in Congress appropriating the purchase price, $25,000,000, and providing for the institution of an American territorial government on the islands.

American naval strategists for years have regarded possession of this little archipelago, lying fifty miles east of Porto Rico, is absolutely necessary to prevent any European power from acquiring it and moreover to establish there a great naval base and coaling station for the United States fleet. Commercially the islands are regarded as of comparatively little value. There are three of them, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, and on their 142 square miles live some 33,000 people, nine-tenths of whom are negroes.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS IN DOBRUDJA HAVE MET WITH SOME SUCCESS

COTTON TUMBLES ON SELLING WAVE

Future Months on the New Orleans Market Suffer Net Loss of $5.00 Per Bale.

80 TO 100 POINTS DECLINE

Trading in New York on Verge of Demoralization, Caused by Lansing's Explanation of Note to Belligerents.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The price of cotton tumbled in this market for a net loss of $5.00 a bale on the future months today on a tremendous selling wave which followed receipt of Secretary Lansing's statement explaining the reasons for President Wilson's note to the belligerents. From the highest to the lowest of the day there was a fall of 115 to 147 points, almost $7.50 a bale on the most active months. It was one of the widest declines for a single session in the history of the cotton trade.

The market closed week, although officially termed "unsettled," at a net loss of 80 to 100 points, which was about the lowest of the day. Only the closing gong checked the great selling wave and the accompanying decline. Brokers were unable to handle the immense volume of business thrust upon them and had their hands full of orders when the close sounded. Many brokerage houses prepared to work their clerks all of the note to keep abreast on their books with the business done.

The latter part of the session was mockery for the bulls, for the market opened strong after three weeks of liquidation of long contracts and heavy short selling. The President's note, construed as a peace measure, appeared to give the bulls control of the market at the opening, which was at the advance, and before nooh the rise was widened to 40 to 48 points above yesterday's close, about $2.50 a bale on the strongest months. Just when the market was quieting from the advance and recent buyers were taking profits moderately the report of Mr. Lansing's statement was received. When it was confirmed a panicky condition set in, the advance quickly was wiped out, there were breaks of 5 to 10 points between transactions and throughout the afternoon session practically no support was offered. The decline continued unchecked to the market's close.

SELDOM, IF EVER, HAS MARKET EXPERIENCED SUCH A CHANGE

New York, Dec. 21.—Seldom, if ever, has the cotton trade experienced such

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THINKS COAL PRICES ILLEGALLY INCREASED

Mr. Anderson Says There is Ground to Suspicion Such.

United States District Attorney Investigating High Prices Points Out Practices of Coal Brokers and Dealers.

New York, Dec. 21.—That there are grounds for the suspicion that the recent increase in the price of coal was the "result of an artificial and illegal combination" was the statement made here today by George W. Anderson, Federal district attorney at Boston, who is in charge of the government's national food and fuel inquiry.

Mr. Anderson came here to confer with Special Assistant United States Attorney General Frank M. Swacker, in charge of the Federal grand jury investigation in this city, after having held similar conferences with the Federal and local authorities in Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago.

"When there are indications that the movement of coal has been checked not only on railroads but at terminals," Mr. Anderson said, "there is reason to suspect that such action probably is the result of an artificial and illegal combination designed to reap extortionate profits through a speculative market.

"When you find coal brokers and coal dealers re-consigning coal cars over and over again so as to delay delivery and thereby create a panic, you find a prima facie case."

"Boston," Mr. Anderson added, turning to the food situation, "is the only city at present suffering. It even has a shortage of its favorite foodstuff—beans—which are now selling at seven dollars a bushel."

Mr. Anderson said that the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, as well as the Interstate Commerce Commission, are co-operating in the investigation.

Teutonic Allies Driven From the Heights in Region of Balabanica and Dachkoi.

GAIN IN RUMANIA PROPER

Artillery Duels Have Been Spirited at Various Points Along the French Front.

SUCCESS FOR BOTH SIDES

Snow and Rain Have Checked Operations in Macedonia.

In the Dobrudja region of Rumania, where the Russo-Rumanian forces have turned upon the invaders, the Teutonic allies have been driven from heights in the region of Balabanica and Dachkoi, and the Russians and Rumanians now are disputing with them in a violent battle the possession of other positions along this line.

In Rumania proper the Teutons are advancing along both sides of the Insu-Racovitzeri road, but are meeting with steady resistance from the Russians and Rumanians. Along the Pirlita-Stankuca front the Teutonic allies have pushed back the advance guard of the defenders.

Russians Capture Heights.

Except for the battles in Rumania, in the Carpathians southeast of the Kimpulung-Jacobeni railway, where the Russians have captured several heights, and at various points on the Russian front where attacks by the Russians have been repulsed by the Germans, little infantry activity is being displayed.

The artillery duels have been spirited at various points along the French front. Berlin reports a raid by Germans on British trenches and the capture of four officers and 26 men. In another raid British troops entered German trenches near Arras, but later were ejected.

On the Verdun front, where the French made a notable advance last week, the Germans have violently bombarded the Louvemont-Vaux front.

Snow and rain are falling in Macedonia and aside from an engagement in the Cerna river bend region, no infantry fighting has taken place. In this sector Berlin reports that the Teutonic allies have held heights east of Paralova against strong Russian attacks.

In Mesopotamia the British report successful bombardments of Turkish river craft and land positions in the region of Kut El-Amara.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN GERMANY AND RUSSIA MODIFIED

Berlin, Dec. 21, (via Sayville).—The following official statement was made public today by the Overseas News Agency:

"The Russian government for some time used thousands of German war prisoners in the construction of the Murman railroad. It is universally known to what hardships these prisoners were exposed and that many of them perished as a consequence.

"As all the German protests were of no avail, 1,000 Russian officers were transported from officer camps to common war prisoner camps. The Russian government answered this measure November 15 by transporting all German officers to common prisoner camps.

"However, an agreement was reached between both governments through the intervention of the presidents of the Swedish and Danish Red Cross, Prince Carl of Sweden, and Prince Waldemar of Denmark. According to a communication from Emperor Nicholas no war prisoners will be in the district of the Murman railroad after January 1, 1917. The emperor has ordered that all reprisals against German officers be stopped. The German emperor, therefore, ordered the 1,000 Russian officers immediately transported back to officer prisoner camps and that they be treated again as officers."

"BUCHAREST WAS ONE GOAL, BUT NOT THE FINAL ONE."

Berlin, Dec. 21, (via London).—Field Marshal von Mackensen, responding to a telegram of Emperor William offering congratulations on the capture of Bucharest, says:

"Bucharest was one goal, but not the final one."

GERMAN COMMITTEE ON WAR SUPPLIES IN FIRST MEETING

Berlin, Dec. 21, (via Sayville).—The Overseas News Agency today made public the following item:

"The German reichstag committee for the examination of contracts for war supplies has held its first meeting. The vice chancellor, Dr. Karl Helfferich, in an address, said the committee would have to determine upon contracts running into thousands of millions of marks which was a task unheard of in magnitude.

"Advices received from Vienna report

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LIKELY HAVE MASS MEETING

Impression Prevails That Wilmington Should Have An Improved Charter. Other Legislation Wanted.

A movement is on foot to have a mass meeting of the citizens of Wilmington in the court house at an early date, probably next week, for the purpose of discussing needed legislation affecting the municipality and such other legislative matters as may be of interest. The impression prevails that the present city charter is far from being ideal and it is the belief of a great many that it could be very materially improved.

It is pointed out that from time immemorial it has been customary for the people to get together and discuss affairs of mutual interest and it is felt here that there are plenty of reasons why the people here should come together in a big mass meeting and go into the matters that need to be looked into. Particularly is it desired to learn what is planned to be done.

If a pure commission form of government is desired, now is the time for its advocates to get busy, it is stated. The present form is far from being satisfactory to many citizens here and by so stating they are careful to bring out the point that they do not wish to be understood as criticising those now in office.

It's the system, they say, which fails to fix responsibility and encourages harum scarum methods of doing things. It promotes laxness of administration, they declare, because it doesn't provide for any man at the head of a department to give his entire time to looking after the city's affairs. They want a system which will make it possible to get an efficient form of administration.

These things, as stated, have caused dissatisfaction and there are those who declare that they have enough interest in the welfare of the city to insist on a new charter that will give a straight commission form that will enable the city to have an efficient government.

While there is a committee of the Carolina Municipal League which is working on a law which will enable cities in the State to renew their bonds upon a sound basis, so as to secure the most advantageous rates of interest, which will have particular reference to Wilmington, this relates only to finances, it is understood. City Attorney Robert Ruark is working on this bill and has had conferences with a number of city officials throughout the State on the subject.

However, this is only one of several matters that the citizens want to discuss. They want to go into the entire situation before the Legislature meets with an idea of finding out what can be done. They want to take up any proposed measures and find out just what is planned to be done and then make suggestions.

The good results to be obtained from such a meeting are many and from statements made by those interested, it can be safely predicted that a mass meeting will be held within the next few days.

EIGHT ROADS FAIL TO AID IN RELIEVING CAR SHORTAGE

Car Service Commission Hopes These Lines Will Improve Their Action.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In line with its announced policy of bringing before the bar of public opinion the railroads which do not co-operate in car re-distribution plans, the commission on car service in the American Railway Association announced tonight that eight roads had failed to carry out recommended re-distribution measures. The announcement expressed a hope "that these lines will at once show a marked improvement in their performance." The roads named are:

The Boston and Albany, the Maine Central, the Lehigh Valley, the Philadelphia and Reading, the New York Central, the Michigan Central, the Wabash and the Toledo and Ohio Central.

"It is clearly apparent," says the announcement, "that these companies having an excess of box car equipment have not complied with the request of the commission on car service to deliver a designated excess of box cars to Southern and Western connections above the number of box cars received from such connections.

Several other roads, it was said, appeared to have been derelict in complying with requests for box car re-distribution, but the information regarding them was not complete.

RULES FOR LONG LIFE.

They Are Simple and Can be Followed by All.

(From the World's Work.)

There is no panacea that will bring long life to every user. "What is one man's meat is another man's poison." But a few rules are applicable to every one:

Be moderate in everything. Excess in eating, drinking, in anything tends to bring old age.

Be faithful in your exercise and be sure to choose an exercise that is helpful.

Stand and sit erect and use your lungs.

Keep your teeth and gums and throat clean. The mouth is the principal port of entry for undesirable immigrant micro-organisms.

Be careful to maintain the bowel functions. The digestive tract is a favorite abiding place for hordes of marauding bacteria.

Have your body occasionally examined. The physician will take notice of what is wrong and will advise you accordingly. And let him do the worrying. Fortunately, the exact condition of the organs of the body can usually be seen by physicians, even when they are but slightly off normal.

Be happy. Do not worry; do not allow yourself to become a grouch; do not "get mad". Remember that psychologists now contend that you do not clench your hands because you are angry. You are angry because you clench your hands. So do not clench them.

Act happy, and you will become so.
Act young, and you will become so.

UNKNOWN SHIP SUNK?

Swiss Report Says Italian Lieutenant and Numerous Sailors Were Lost

Berlin, Dec. 21, (via Sayville).—The Frankfurter Zeitung has received a report from Lugano, Switzerland, saying that a vessel, the name of which is unknown, on December 13 hit a mine in the Adristic and sank with its entire cerw, according to the Overseas News Agency.

The report adds that Lieutenant General Oreste Bandens, the Italian chief commander in Albania, and numerous sailors were drowned.

LINK OF INLAND WATERWAY

Completion of Coastal Waterway Between Beaufort and Cape Fear River is Urged by Mr. Parsley.

The importance of continuing the work on the Inland Waterway, and especially the next link from Beaufort Inlet to the Cape Fear river, was emphasized at a meeting of the executive committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the chamber, and the committee went on record in favor of bringing pressure at this time to bear upon Congressman H. L. Godwin and Congressman George Hood, of the New Bern district, to secure the appropriation for this very important improvement which will mean so much to this section.

Mr. R. A. Parsley addressed the meeting in the interest of the North Carolina Waterways Association, which has for years co-operated actively with commercial organization to secure improvements of our waterway system. Mr. Parsley said:

"It is especially opportune to advocate the construction of the next link in this improvement of the inland or coastal waterway route which will, to some extent, revolutionize means of water transportation to Southern ports.

"The completion of the inland route from Norfolk to Beaufort marks the beginning of active barge traffic from Northern ports, and was brought about by the efforts of Congressman John H. Small, who has been the active champion of this project for many years, and to whom much credit is due for, the splendid work accomplished.

Appropriation Needed.

"It is necessary at this time to secure active co-operation and support from Wilmington and this section in order to strongly urge the congressional committee on Appropriations to include this item in the Rivers and Harbors bill to be adopted at this session of Congress.

"It will be recalled that the United States Board of Army Engineers some time ago recommended the route in question, and in order, that the work on the great project may be continued, it is essential that Wilmington and the section in Congressman's Hood's district served by the Inland route strongly advocate the appropriation and actively urge and support the congressional representatives who are responsible for such work as may be accomplished.

"An active campaign will shortly begin to have all Wilmington business men become interested and add their personal endorsement to that of the North Carolina Waterways Association and the Chamber of Commerce, by writing Congressman Godwin on the subject."

HANSON AND LAREAU MEET FOR THE FIFTH TIME

Local Star and Masked Marvel Will Fight Deciding Battle

At 8:30 tonight at Woolvin Hall, Fritz Hanson, the popular local welterweight, and Louis Lareau, the "Masked Marvel," will clash for the fifth time in their mat careers. In expectation of one of the longest and most stubbornly contested battles that has been fought on the local mat in many moons, the match tonight will be started at 8:30 o'clock and the usual preliminaries will be dispensed with.

Hanson has just returned from Florence and Sumter where he took part in handicap matches. Technically he was the loser in the Florence skirmish, as he promised to fling two local huskies within the space of one hour. The first customer lasted some 46 minutes, and with only 16 minutes left with the second antagonist, Fritz failed to secure a fall.

Tonight will be the fifth meeting between the two men. Each has won one finish match, one has resulted in a tie, and the other a one fall encounter went to the marvel. Both are in fine shape for the tilt tonight, and the fans are promised one of the best mat battles of the season.

Hanson received a letter from a Columbia promoter last night, offering him an engagement with the middleweight champion of England in the South Carolina city on January 3. He states he will be glad to match Hanson, who is the American welterweight title holder, with the English crack. Fritz, too, says he will be delighted to take a shot at the representative of John Bull.

SUFFRAGISTS GO INTO TRAINING.

Holding the Breath a Part of Their Public Speaking Course.

(Milwaukee Sentinel).

The most envied suffragist in Milwaukee was she who held her breath longer than any of forty other prospective "stateswomen."

The contest was staged in the lecture room of the public library, where Wilwaukee's contribution to the possible feminine politicians of the future went into training. An expert parliamentarian and the heroine of a score of hard fought campaigns acted as coach.

Mrs. Maude McCreary, Green Bay, Wis., who has set out to teach her fellow workers how to speak in public, proceeded to put her class through a set of breathing exercises. Standing in rows they were directed to breathe deeply, holding their arms out before them. As they expelled the air from their lungs they hummed and slowly dropped their arms. One woman was able to hum considerable longer than a minute—it seemed like five to her admiring classmates. She modestly concealed her identity.

After they had been warned against "fixing their hair" while standing before the audience and had been told never to adjust their skirt bands after they had mounted the platform the students were given a lecture on poise.

Two of the courses offered by the group of students who have organized themselves into a citizens' study club, consist of citizenship and journalism, parliamentary law and public speaking.

BONUS TO 8,000 EMPLOYES.

To be Distributed by Wells, Fargo & Company—Amounts to $1,000,000.

New York, Dec. 21—A bonus amounting to $1,000,000 will be distributed by Wells, Fargo & Company among 8,000 employes drawing salaries of $2,000 a year or less, the company announced today. The bonus, equal to 5 1-2 per cent, will be paid in quarterly installments beginning January 1.

A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF

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The Cameo has never been more in vogue than this season. Our stock contains some of the handsomest pieces ever displayed in the South. The hand work of the artist engraver is to be seen in every piece. The colors and combinations of colors are in many instances unique. If desirous of selecting a Cameo, we can show you at any price you name in Pins, Lavallieres, Rings, etc.

Other Suggestions

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Cut Glass.
Sterling Silver, Hollow and Flat Ware.
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Etc., Etc., Etc.

LAST DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. LAST DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

GIFTS OF JEWELRY

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A Wonderful Assortment to Select From at Schuster's

DIAMONDS

UNSET AND IN RINGS, BROOCHES, LA VALLIERES, BAR PINS, ETC.

In Diamonds and Diamond Jewelry we are offering some very special values, due to careful selection and the fact that we purchased these before the last advance in prices. In our Diamond Room you can choose the uncut stones at your leisure and have them set in any manner you desire. In addition to these, we have a large number of Diamond Rings, Brooches, Sunbursts, La Vallieres, Scarf Pins and Bar Pins, ready for instant delivery. Grade for grade, you will find our price to be as low as any. We buy our diamonds direct from the importers, and are contented with a fair profit.

WHY NOT GIVE A

Bracelet Watch

Surely there is nothing that could give "Her" quite as much pleasure.

We are showing a wonderful stock of them this Christmas, and we know that you will find in the assortment just the one that will please you and your pocketbook.

Special Notice

We engrave articles purchased here FREE of Charge. This department of our business is in the hands of experts. We urge you, however, to make your selections early, so that we can give you the best service.

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Front and Princess Sts. Wilmington, N. C.

COTTON TUMBLES ON SELLING WAVE

(Continued from Page One.)

a sensational change from extreme strength to weakness verging on demoralization as occurred in today's future market.

During the earlier trading an optimistic view of peace possibilities, inspired by the President's note to belligerent nations, led to heavy general buying and an advance of more than $3 a bale from the low prices of Wednesday. March sold up to 17.61, or 43 points above last night's close, a jump of a penny a pound in the Egyptian market, and rumors that leading German steamship lines were preparing to resume sailings before the end of the winter.

The advance was checked by realizing, however, and after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement, the market became extraordinarily active and excited. Prices melted away, in many cases declining 10 points between sales, while selling orders seemed to be reaching the ring from all directions and many stop orders were uncovered on the break. Before the close, March had sold at 16:22, a decline of 145 points from the high level of the morning and of more than a cent a pound from last night's closing figures. Last prices were at the lowest point of the day with the official tone irregular and excited and with active motnhs showing declines of about $25 a bale from the high records established just before Thanksgiving.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

All Cases Postponed at Yesterday's Session of Court.

Not a single one of the six defendants who faced Recorder Harriss yesterday morning were ready for trial, and all the hearings were postponed until Saturday. The defendants were as follows: Sandy Allen, colored, assault with a deadly weapon; Fred Howland, white, violation of prohibition law, (two charges); Prince Tolar, colored, violation prohibition law, (two cases); Harry McRay, violation prohibition law; Lula Stephens, colored, carrying concealed weapons; George Allen, colored, assault with a deadly weapon. Howland and Tolar gave bond, and the others were returned to jail to await their hearing. Bill Butler, a young white man, who is charged with seduction, will face the Recorder this morning.

Says Store Was Robbed.

The police were notified yesterday morning by Mr. Lewis Mason that his store at McRae and Fanning streets had been entered during the night, and a Smith & Wesson revolver and $2 in money taken away. The city bloodhounds were taken to the scene by Sergeant J. S. Lane and Officers W. C. Moore and W. H. Kermon, but failed to pick up a clue.

Juniors Remember Widows.

Sixteen turkeys were distributed yesterday to widows of deceased members of Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils, Junior Order of American Mechanics, in accordance with the annual custom of the order. The deliveries of the birds were made by a committee from the two councils composed of Messrs. W. E. Yopp, Sergeant E. J. Grimsley and Geo. T. Gritgen.

Mr. Thos. F. Darden Bereaved.

Wilmington friends of Mr. Thos. F. Darden, assistant to the president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, will sympathize with him in the sudden death of his only sister, Miss Harriet E. Darden, which occurred at 11 o'clock last night at the home of the family in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Darden leaves on the early morning train today for Norfolk to be with members of the family and to attend the funeral.

WILL PUSH FIGHT FOR VOTE ON PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Its Passage is Recommended by Senate Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Immediately after the holidays advocates of prohibition in Congress plan to carry on a vigorous campaign for the proposed Federal constitutional amendment and to exert every possible effort to get a vote on it at this session in spite of the general belief that it will be beaten.

The Senate Judiciary committee's action today in voting to report the amendment with recommendation for its passage opened the way for the resolution in both houses, the House Judiciary committee having taken similar action two weeks ago. In the House it is proposed to appeal soon after the Christmas recess to the Rules committee for a special rule to bring the resolution before the House for a vote within a prescribed time. Champions of the resolution in the Senate can resort to no such parliamentary expedients, but Senator Sheppard, author of the Senate resolution, will urge its consideration at every opportunity.

The District of Columbia prohibition bill will be voted on in the Senate January 9. Another measure to bar liquor advertising from the mails in prohibition states was favorably reported today from the Senate Postoffice committee.

"I expect the District prohibition bill to pass the House," Democratic Leader Kitchin said tonight, "but I do not think any National prohibition measure can obtain the necessary two-thirds vote in the House at this time."

LONDON OBSERVES OFFICIAL SILENCE

nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war, in defense of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded. Similar differences in the conditions exists as regards France, Rumania and other countries.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Gussie Greer to H. W. Konig, dated the 12th day of December, 1912, and duly recorded in the records of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, in Book No. 76, page 422, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the door of the Court House of New Hanover County, in the city of Wilmington, on the 23rd day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real property, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street, sixty-six feet southwardly from the southeast intersection of Howard and Seventh streets, and runs thence southwardly along the eastern line of Seventh street thirty feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Howard street one hundred and fifty feet, to the western line of MacRae street, thence along the western line of McRae street northwardly thirty feet, thence westwardly and parallel with Howard street one hundred and fifty feet to the beginning, the same being parts of Lots One, Two and Three, in Block No. 350, according to the official plan of the said city of Wilmington, North Carolina.

This 22nd day of December, 1916.

H. W. KONIG,
Mortgagee.

W. F. Jones, Attorney.

Congratulates Wilmington District.

The following editorial note from the Raleigh Christian Advocate is of interest in Wilmington and vicinity: "Only one new presiding elder was made at the recent session of our Conference. This was Rev. J. H. Shore who was appointed to the Wilmington district. Brother Shore will measure up to this new responsibility. We came to know him well at the beginning of our ministry and have loved him ever since for his sterling worth and for his trueness to the mission upon which God has sent him. He never goes off at a tangent, is never swept off his feet by a fad and never compromises the gospel which he preaches. He knows the Scriptures, and he knows the God who inspired them; and he can be safely trusted anywhere. The Wilmington district is to be congratulated."

GRACE M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE XMAS TREE TONIGHT

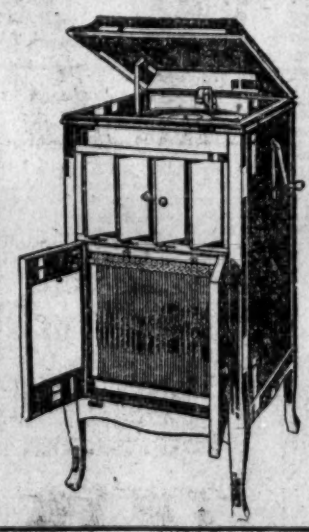
School Will Also Send Christmas Box to Orphanage at Raleigh.

Christmas tree exercises will be held tonight at 8 o'clock for the members of the Sunday school of Grace Methodist church. "Santa Claus" will be on hand to greet the children with plenty of good things.

The Sunday school will send as a Christmas remembrance a box of candy, nuts and staple groceries to the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. This box will be shipped Saturday night, and those having donations to make in this connection, are requested to bring them to the church tonight.

BUY ONE TODAY, AND ENJOY IT THE BALANCE OF YOUR LIFE.

$15 AND UP



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The Christmas Gift that will Afford More Pleasure Than Anything in the Home. A Gift the Whole Family Will Enjoy the Year 'Round.

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"The Home of Furniture Values"

The Holiday Savings Fund

Is a Good Investment—It May Prove the Foundation of Your Future Success.

Select that Path which has proven valuable and successful to others, and Deposit your Funds, your Savings or your Surplus Income, in the New Holiday Savings Fund, which opens on December 27th, 1916, where they will earn at the maturity of the account 4 per cent interest.

Try this kind of an investment—get your children to join, and all enjoy the Christmas pleasures next year, without the worry as to where the money is to come from.

HOME SAVINGS BANK

Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE!

The freight warehouses of our companies in Wilmington, N. C., will be closed Monday, December 25th, 1916, and Monday, January 1st, 1917, except between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 A. M., for the delivery of perishable freight.

HENRY WHYTE,
Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railway.
A. J. MOORE, JR.,
Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

FOR SALE

25 kegs Mullet Roe, 20 dozen to keg.
40 kegs Mullet Roe, 7 dozen to keg.
200 kegs large Roe Mullets, 100 lb. kegs.
500 bags Green Coffee, all grades.
1000 bags Rice, all grades.
Prices and samples on application. Send orders to

Samuel Bear, Sr. & Sons

WHOLESALE GROCERS.
Wilmington, N. C.

BURETT H. STEPHENS
ARCHITECT
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

Practical Christmas Gifts

USEFUL GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED MOST OF ALL.

Many useful things are here in wide variety. Might we suggest, for instance, a New Pair of Glasses for Father or Mother; Automobile Spectacles for the Friend Who Drives; A Dainty Little Gold Eyeglass Chain.

SILVER OR ALUMINUM FANCY CASES.
EYES EXAMINED FREE.

Dr. Vineberg

MASONIC TEMPLE.

HOROWITZ JUNK SHOP

The Oldest. Most Reliable.
PRICES ARE NOW AT THE HIGHEST.
All Kinds of Rags, Tires Rubber, Metals and Rope.
109 S. WATER ST. 'PHONE 800-W.

WILMINGTON'S BOYS ON BORDER THINK OF HOME

Feel Somewhat Homesick as Christmas Season Approaches.

Correspondent Describes the Life in the Tented City and Tells Something of the Magnitude of the Border Force.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Headquarters Co. A., N. C. Engineers, Fort Bliss, Texas, Dec. 12.—Just at this season of the year the home newspapers, which reach us more or less regularly, make us into rather a homesick crowd but the happenings in this part of the country make us realize that somebody must necessarily be here for a while anyhow and we bow to the will of the commander-in-chief.

To anybody interested in military affairs back home, this camp of ours would seem wonderful. They might go to Fort Caswell and see a camp of six companies or even go to Morehead City and see a whole brigade and yet when they stood at the end of our company street and saw four miles of mess halls, each like the other and seemingly reaching clear to the horizon, and then go on the side of the mountain and see the thousands of brown pyramidical tents they would realize how small a unit we have at home and how well prepared the country really is for any emergency in the direction of Mexico. The camp consists of a complete division (the Seventh) and still is by no means all the troops near El Paso. Near the fort (Bliss) there is the Ohio infantry, cavalry and engineers. About a mile to the eastward, the Kentucky regiments and still further out on the desert several regiments from Lord only knows where. In the suburbs of the city is the Michigan brigade while all along the river are companies scattered from here to Columbus. It is indeed a wonderful sight to see so many soldiers while there at home we scarcely see a uniform.

Our work has been rather varied. My section of the company surveyed and staked off an avenue up to the end of the four miles of mess halls I spoke of, another section superintended the construction of same. We have one section that does all the blasting for a large government rock quarry close by; another superintends the hauling off of its product.

Our mounted section goes off to the river frequently on reconnoitering work and we have draftsmen and architects that have done much in their line for the whole division. The plumbers installed instantaneous heaters in all the bath houses in our vicinity and find it not an easy job to keep them all in shape.

Tuesday we will send a squad out to work on laying railroad track for a week, so you see when everybody gathers for the evening meal everbody has something different to talk about. Then along with the hardships of snow and ice and dust and the lack of home rations and rising before the sun, you still can't help from seeing the laughable part. One man who this time last year was teaching dancing school is now taking great pride in the nursing of the eight mules on the pack train.

Another who was reconized as quite a social light now walks up and down the line directing the movements of a dozen road sprinklers as gracefully as he would eat a plate of chicken salad at a bridge party.

Another who was recognized as quite as a clean, fresh-looking chap will pass the wash basin on a below freezing morning without even waving his hand.

There are many others—changed just as much and many incidents that I would like to relate—one I will now, the other, later perhaps.

A shifting engine backed a string of cars on the siding near our company street and left them. One happened to be a coal car and the news spread swiftly. You could see them going with bags, boxes and baskets by the hundreds and when the man came back for his coal car, it couldn't have been cleaner if you had swept it out with a broom and the little conical stoves on the ground in the centre of the tents of many battalions gave very cheering heat for some days. Who do you suppose will pay for it? Uncle Sam or the railroad? Surely not the soldiers, for they never get paid off.

JOSEPH P. WILSON KILLED.

Carolina Hotel Man Drives Automobile Head-On Into Wagon.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 21.—Joseph P. Wilson, well known Carolina hotel man, was killed tonight at 7 o'clock when he drove his automobile head-on into a wagon seven miles north of Charlotte. The tongue of the wagon struck Mr. Wilson in the head, death following in 30 minutes. Mr. Wilson operated hotels in Columbia and Ridge Crest, N. C. He is survived by a widow and three children.

HIGH HEELS PUT CORNS ON TOES

Tells Women How to Dry Up a Corn So It Lifts Out With-out Pain.

Modern high-heel footwear buckles the toes and produces corns, and many of the thousands of hospital cases of infection and lockjaw are the result of woman's suicidal habit of trying to cut away these painful pests.

For little cost there can be obtained at any pharmacy a quarter of an ounce of a drug called freezone, which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callous without the slightest danger or inconvenience.

A few drops applied directly upon the tender, aching corn stops the soreness and shortly the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out. It is a sticky substance, which dries the moment it is applied, and thousands of men and women use it because the corn shrivels up and comes out without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. Cut this out and try it if your corns bother you.

RUSSIAN CARPATHIAN OFFENSIVE FRUITLESS

Described by German Writer as Waste of Men and Ammunition.

Correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt Gives An Account of the Fighting in the Mountains of Austria, at "Culmination."

Berlin, Dec. 21, (via Sayville)—Combats in the wooded Carpathians where the Russians delivered their counter attacks in an effort to relieve the harrassed Rumanian army, are described by the war correspondent of the Berlin Tagebatt, says the Overseas News Agency, which describes the Russian offensive there as a waste of men and ammunition in fruitless attacks. The Tagebiatt's correspondent is quoted as follows:

"The culmination point of the Carpathian battle was in the mountain range above the Golden Bystritza, between Jacobeni and Dorna Watra, especially the height of Meste-Canesci. At noon the hostile artillery began to lay a curtain of fire behind the razed trenches of the Austro-Hungarians while simultaneously the first line of three divisions is launched for attack. They sally forth from the wood in order and climb the mountain. Within range of our artillery one wave of assailants after another breaks down. Under the protection of obscurity, new attacking columns reach some destroyed part of trenches about which the fighting goes on during the whole night.

"Territorial and Honved regiments reconquer bit after bit of the lost ground, although the enemy outnumbers them three to nine times. At morning's dawn the whole terrain again is firmly in the hands of the defenders of Meste-Canesci with the exception of 300 yards of trench. Towards evening, strong Russian forces vainly delivered three attacks upon Mount Bernariaiul, called by the soldiers Bavarian mountain.

"Two days later the Russians attempted the conquest of a railroad tunnel at Meste-Canesci, one kilometer in length. Our field guards are thrown back and in the complete obscurity of the tunnel, hand-to-hand fighting begins, the terrible scenes of which are illuminated at times by bursting hand grenades.

"Driven from the tunnel, the Russians again attacked the whole district between the tunnel and Meste-Canesci mountain and attempted to pierce our lines at any cost near the point of approach above the road through the pass. They were repulsed by the Austro-Hungarian artillery. One and a half Russian regiments make a thrust against our lines in the valley but are brought to a standstill late at night and are driven by an outflanking counter attack to the original positions.

'About 1 o'clock on the following morning, the enemy delivers a surprise attack. Without artillery preparation they crawl up to our position at Meste-Canesci but are discovered by the Hungarian guards and are repulsed. During the night 125 prisoners are brought in. The combatants belong to eight different regiments which shows that the Russian chief commander in this district has concentrated here his last reserves."

100 NATIONAL BANKS INCREASE THEIR RESOURCES $55,000,000.

This Was Gain of About 9 Per Cent From September 12 to November 17.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The first 100 National banks of the country in size, formerly congested in a few financial centers but now scattered among 33 cities in 22 states, increased their resources between the bank calls of September 12 and November 17 by $55,000,000, or about 9 per cent.

In a statement tonight analyzing returns from the last call Comptroller Williams pointed out that with one exception the resources of the largest 100 institutions are in excess of $20,000,000 each, or more than $2,000,000,000 altogether. New York State leads the list with 25 out of the 100. Pennsylvania has 16; Missouri 8; California and Illinois, 7 each; Ohio, Minnesota and Massachusetts, each has five; Colorado has three; Texas, Nebraska, Maryland, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin each has two, and Oklahoma, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Washington, New Jersey and Oregon one each.

"The healthy distribution of the wealth and banking resources of the United States," reads the statement, "which has been brought about under the Federal Reserve system is being manifested in many ways.

"Among the hundred largest banks there are only five which did not show an increase."

FUNERAL AT WHITEVILLE

Remains of Mr. L. W. Stanley Laid to Rest in Gore Cemetery.

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 21.—The funeral of Mr. L. W. Stanley, clerk of the court of Columbus county, who died Monday afternoon, was conducted at the residence of the deceased at ten o'clock Wednesday morning by Rev. J. H. Poteet, after which the remains were taken to the Gore cemetery, three miles south of town, and intered in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends, the Masonic ritual being used. Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife and twelve children.

The active pallbearers at the residence were: E. J. McRacken, J. F. Memory, Donald McRacken, J. L. Britton, A. W. Baldwin and A. F. Powell.

Masonic pallbearers at the grave were: J. B. Schulken, J. A. Brown, Jackson Greer, C. D. Koonce, J. H. Land and J. W. Hughes.

A. & N. C. DIRECTORS MEET.

Declare Semi-Annual Dividend of 1 1-2 Per Cent on Stock.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—The directors of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Company held their semi-annual meeting in this city yesterday at noon at the office of the president, Mr. R. A. Nunn, and the semi-annual dividend of one and one-half per cent was declared on the stock in the company. Practically all of the directors were in attendance and a general discussion of the business now being done by the road was engaged in.

Reports showed that general conditions were most gratifying, in fact, more business was being done now than in many years.

FISHERMEN HUNTING SHARKS

New Industry at Southport—Menhaden Season, Most Prosperous One, Has Closed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 21.—Your correspondent is advised of a rather new industry for this section, that of a demand for the skins of sharks. This voracious sea fish has ever been the bane of the fishermen, and that the shark now possesses a money value will be glad news to fishermen, for the shark has been an expensive enemy, in its destruction of nets.

The demand for the shark skin, so your correspondent is told, is for the tops of ladies' boots, of course after it has gone through the process of curing and tanning. The price paid for the raw skin is seven cents per pound, and it is said that the fishermen are now actively shark hunting, this being literally true, as guns are employed, as well as other means of catching these fish.

The season has closed for the menhaden fishing and the steamers have left. Both factories, the one on the Elizabeth river, near here, and that below old Brunswick, on the Cape Fear, are closed, except for the clearing up of the oil and scrap which is being shipped away as fast as possible. As already noted in this correspondence, the season has been a most prosperous one. About next March the season may be expected to re-open.

WHAT OF THE FOUR BABIES AND THEIR LITTLE MOTHER?

That is the Big Question Involved in Mincher's Imprisonment.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 21.—If E. W. Mincher, former "road boss", goes to jail, what will become of his four babies and their small, hard-worked mother? That is a phase of the Mincher case, now famous in Lenoir county, which is beginning to cause concern to persons intimate with the Minchers' domestic status. Maybe Mincher deserves no consideration, maybe he does; but whether Mincher does or does not, his family might be in a sad plight if the big fellow has to serve a sentence of a year imposed upon him by Judge W. M. Bond in Superior court here some time ago.

Mrs. Mincher and the little ones are at the Lenoir county convict camp, according to county officials. Should Mincher be taken from them, there would be no home for them away from there. The oldest baby is six years old, still lisping; the youngest is two months of age and just beginning to "notice things" and smile baby fashion. Little Mrs. Mincher, whose flock allow her no time to accumulate surplus flesh, is busy with one baby after another most all the time. If Mrs. Mincher goes out to find food for her brood the six-year-old will have to care for the others, it is assumed, and that will not do at all. At least Mrs. Mincher would not like to risk it, probably. Mrs. Mincher is a most excellent woman, according to everything that officials have seen of her. She has a lot of responsibility upon her, and measures up to it to the last notch.

Mincher, convicted of whipping convicts, is under sentence to a year in the county jail. He would be serving his time had not the Governor very considerately reprieved him, pending an investigation.

$5,000 FIRE AT MAXTON

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Confectionary Store.

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 21.—A fire broke out about 4 o'clock yesterday morning and completely gutted the building and destroyed the stock of George Daw, dealer in fruits and confections. The grocery store of E. L. Burns, in the adjoining building, was damaged by smoke and water.

The fire was first discovered by a passing freight train on the Seaboard road which gave the alarm and also furnished hot coals with which to thaw the frozen hydrants. Only herculean efforts of the fire department prevented its spread, as the burned building was situated in the center of one of the business blocks on the main street.

Total loss is about $5,000 with practically no insurance on the stock.

SENATOR SIMMONS AT HOME.

Arrives in New Bern to Spend the Holidays—To Visit Children.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—Accompanied by his wife, Senator Simmons arrived in the city yesterday from Washington, where he has been attending the session of Congress, and they will spend the holidays in this city and surrounding section.

Before returning to the capital city the senator will pay a short visit to his son, James Simmons, in Jones county, and will also visit his daughters, who reside in Raleigh.

The Senator stated that he was discussing no business now; that he was off for a real holiday and intended to take it.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
(Advertisement)

NORTHAM'S

Book & Stationery Store

101 PRINCESS ST. 'PHONE 851

"The Little Store Around the Corner."

Bon Marche (Incorporated). Store Open Until Nine Tonight **Bon Marche** (Incorporated).

Now For the Final Shopping Days---Come Here For Complete Showings

"I like to come in each day, for there is always something new on display—something that I cannot find elsewhere," said one woman. If she could see behind the scenes, she would realize that the constant shifting of stocks, the bringing out of new and different goods, is done with a purpose, and that purpose is to bring every Christmas article under the inspection of our customers.

Today will see every item suitable for Christmas giving displayed. Numerous things will have their first showing. A walk through this store will solve many a Christmas problem, especially if you want USEFUL PRESENTS.

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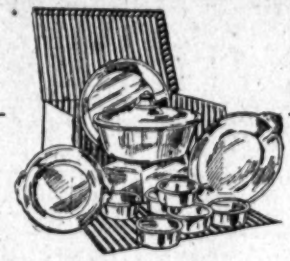

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Purge my heart from hard and bitter thoughts,
Let no shadow of forgetting come between me and friends away;
Bless them in their mirth;
Hedge me in with faithfulness,
That I may not grow unworthy to meet them again.
A Christmas Prayer—VANDYKE.

Will Wilson win again this time?

Christmas in Virginia will be different.

Well, the President sprung a surprise on us, to say the least of it.

It was one big piece of news out of Washington that didn't leak in advance.

A man who gambles on the exchanges in the face of peace talk may as well risk his money on the ponies.

"Charity begins at home," says the Jacksonville Times-Union, but it's a safe bet that she also starts something at home on certain occasions.

How are the belligerent nations to compel each other to guarantee anything? Who is going their security? Who is going to compel them to stand up to the demands made upon them?

Lord Northcliffe, the great English publisher, says the Hon. Lloyd-George understands the "intangible psychology of the American people." Nevertheless, Barnum beat him to it.

During the year thousands of addresses have been published in the newspapers, but nobody has any recollection of their practical value. The reason is that they are words without action.

It was announced that "a Swedish author proclaims that man is as beautiful as woman." Having learned that the Swedish author is a woman, all we have to say is that she can't judge beauty for us.

New Hampshire is still celebrating her Democratic victory, but the real democratic victory that this country would enjoy would be in the strict adherence of the victorious party to genuine Democratic principles.

We have talked preparedness and we have tried some of our supposed preparedness, but now we observe that we don't hardly know what real preparedness is. We are lucky that Wilson kept us out of war.

The economic and sociological studies at the University will have a marked effect in the matter of wealth retention in North Carolina, if only the people can become convinced that the agricultural system of the South needs to be supplemented by home food and feed production.

The Hon. Troub, of Holland, says, with reference to Germany's peace proposals, that the moment was cleverly chosen by the Teutons in an effort to divide her enemies. Her enemies seem to be agreed on the fact that they are not divided. A house divided against itself would be something else.

No get-together sentiment can find lodgment in Jacksonville till some time after February. That is when the city election is to be held. One of the funniest things about a get-together movement is the way a lot of citizens get together and fight it out on that line if it takes all summer—not to mention the winter.

The less a family has to buy, the more money it can save each year, so it follows that the less a section like the South has to buy the more money it can retain. Logically, therefore, the family or the section which lives up to its income will never accumulate wealth. Those who swap dollars with no balance of trade in their favor are like traders who swap knives without any "boot." The secret of a flourishing West is that it has the balance of trade against the balance of the country that it feeds.

A DEBATE WORTH WHILE

While The Star sympathizes with the negative, it wants to congratulate the University debaters who took the affirmative in the discussion of the last 1916 meeting of the North Carolina Club at Chapel Hill this week. The affirmative was up against it, but the boys let the negative know that they were in a real debate. The query for debate was as follows:

"Resolved,—It is good business for North Carolina farmers to buy food and feed supplies with cotton and tobacco money."

The affirmative debaters were Messrs. E. A. Kendall and L. H. Hodges, while the negative was sustained by Messrs. W. E. and R. E. Price. The club voted that the negative had the better of it, but the affirmative made them win it after having to capture trenches that were defended to the last ditch.

The affirmative made it very plain that there are "two sides to every question" and we can but admire the adroitness of the arguments of the affirmative debaters. They made it an intellectual bout from the very start, for The Star's Chapel Hill correspondent makes this summary of the debate:

"Two speakers on the affirmative maintained that each section of the United States performs a definite function and that it is most profitable for North Carolina to raise cotton and tobacco, for which she is fitted by soil and climate, and by her food and feed from the West, which is fitted to produce them. They stated further that North Carolina's main industries were the cotton and tobacco manufacturing concerns and that either these industries would suffer or that a corresponding amount of money would leave the State in any event if the farmers turned their attention to raising food and feedstuffs at the neglect of these commodities. The cause of our poverty, they affirmed, is not the purchase of food from the West but our bad system of tenant farming and rural credits.

"The negative brought forward statistics to show that, while the total crop value in Wisconsin, a food stuff state, is only 142 million dollars as against a total farm products value of 148 million in North Carolina, yet the per capita wealth of Wisconsin is $1,183 as against $322 for North Carolina. Again the per acre yield of Scotland county, North Carolina, is $42 to a per acre crop of $35 in Los Angeles county, Cal., a banner crop county of the United States. They then accounted for this discrepancy by showing that North Carolina produces the wealth and sends it west. The South has sent nearly 60 billion dollars to the western states since the Civil War. Every year food and feed supplies are purchased from that section to the extent of 935 million dollars. Thus the North Carolina farmer pays freight, the profit of the western farmer and that of the middle man. The debate proved so absorbing that another on the same subject was scheduled for February."

Note what a strong position the affirmative took, but the boys had to contend against indisputable economic facts. The negative was on the job, as well as the scene, and while they won before Dr. Branson's class of economic and socialogical study, the question is whether the North Carolina farmers will support the affirmative, as they have been doing, as a farming proposition for many years. Nevertheless, while the affirmative students show themselves quite capable of taking advantage of the sophistries of debate, this is such a large question that the main aim of the North Carolina Club is to show by clear argument that North Carolina must revolutionize her agricultural system in order to meet the stern economic results involved.

While the South is making progress and gaining wealth, it is because we have altered her industrial status rather than maintained a healthful agricultural status. The fact that North Carolina's low farm wealth remains practically unchanged, shows that the proposition before the house is agricultural rather than industrial. We hope we are gaining in per capita wealth but we can't tell till the 1920 census reveals to us whether we have made any notable change for the better.

If we have increased our aggregate wealth, it depends upon how much we have retained of the wealth we have been producing here of late. In other words, if we have continued to produce wealth to be spent in the West and North for what we ought to produce in the South, we will find that our actual country wealth has increased very little, if at all. However, much of our increased farm wealth is close in to industrial centers and is by reason of the industrial demand that has increased land values close to factory populations. The truth is, it is the consuming industrial population which has brought about diversified farming near industrial cities, since the farmers near such cities can raise products that otherwise would have no near-by markets. Let us contrast farm values close to towns and cities with the value of farms remote from populous and consuming centers.

As the University discussion shows, the South sends away in round figures, practically $1,000,000,000 annually of what it has produced by agriculture. We cannot recall the exact figures at this time, but all told the South produces crop values of more than $3,000,000,000 a year, so we are sending away at least 30 per cent. of our produced wealth. In fact, we have failed to support ourselves to that extent and are in the market buying instead of being in the market selling. There is no wonder, therefore, that under such a system we cannot retain wealth in sufficient amount to increase our farm wealth to an appreciable extent. That accounts for North Carolina's farm wealth of $322 per capita, compared with that of $1,183 in the food producing state of Wisconsin. Since we can combine Wisconsin's food and feed stuffs advantage with our own cotton and tobacco producing advantage, we ought to do so and take a lead in agriculture that no country in the world can equal.

WILSON WANTS CONCRETE STATEMENT OF TERMS.

Coming just at the present juncture—immediately following the Teutonic proposal for peace negotiations and the formal reply thereto—the appeal of President Wilson to all the belligerents to make known to the world in a definite way what they would consider possible terms of peace may be interpreted as a suggestion that it is time to "get down to business." In substance the President is saying: "Now, each side has sounded the other as to its general attitude toward the subject of peace, without either side having named definite, specific terms that can be written into a peace treaty; you have had the preliminaries; let's now have a specific statement of actual definite terms, so that the world may know exactly how far apart they are."

In a general way, looking at it from the standpoint of neutrality, the claims of the two groups of belligerents, as to the cause of the war and the end they seek through the conflict, are practically identical. Each side maintains that it is fighting to put an end to certain alleged policies heretofore pursued by the other. The President ventures the suggestion that the two groups of belligerents are fighting with the same purpose in view. He would like to have each side put in "black and white", so that the entire world may read and comprehend intelligently and concisely, what they are fighting about and what exactly, in specific terms, would constitute a programme that could be used as a basis for discussion of peace. As the spokesman of the neutral world, he is asking for specific information. He is not making an offer of mediation or proposing peace.

The belligerents have been talking with considerable positiveness, but thus far the discussion has been purely preliminary to any proposal of peace terms; they have been talking in the abstract. The President asks that they talk in the concrete. They have stated the principles upon which peace terms would have to be based. Mr. Wilson asks that, having done this, they state the actual terms.

It is said that the chief object of the President in sending the communication to the warring nations is to place both on record; to test the sincerity of both the Teutonic and the Entente Allies. The idea is that if the protestations of a hope for peace are real, those making them will now come forward, otherwise they will remain aloof and not heed the President's suggestion.

The President's action, which came as a surprise to his own people and perhaps to the whole world, marks another step on the perhaps long and rugged road toward peace. The world will await the belligerents' reply with the keenest interest.

The world can now see definiteness in the peace movement, since the United States, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Switzerland are on the eve of tendering their good offices to the belligerents. Most likely Spain also will join the other neutrals, and, since the object is to secure world peace, the other neutrals should ask Latin-America to join in a neutral league to bring about the end of a war that has either direct or intimate relation with all the people of the world.

A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

The suggestion of Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, as to the need of a public defender as well as a public prosecutor, springs a question that grows up out of a faulty judiciary system. It is seeking to remedy some of the defects or abuses of our system of administering justice. The fee system is largely responsible for the failure to make some of our inferior and even superior courts the seat of justice and the prosecuting end of it is only a part of the court system from which even the public is seemingly seeking relief.

Some states in this country already have provided public defenders who contend at trials with the public prosecutors so that justice and equity may prevail in the disposal of cases by the courts. We have often thought of the trial justice system in some of our states as productive of more trial injustice than trial justice. In some of the states, feed judges, feed prosecuting attorneys, feed clerks, feed court officials, feed constables and feed everything have been a scandal upon a civilized country. With every fellow from judge to constable interested in convicting a defendant in order to get what was coming to them, it was hard for the innocent to escape, much less a guilty wretch. We have seen excessive and outrageous fines administered out of all proportion to the offense or the ability of the victim to pay.

We would not need a public defender if we would reform our judiciary system, but if we don't do that a public defender is surely needed to prevent a court of justice from inflicting injustice of the rankest kind. That is not the aim, of course, but abuse of a system has become a custom in some of our large cities. There ought not to be any courts in which those who conduct them have to make their living out of them. In a certain large city once we knew of a court that made an inferior court judge rich. He acquired more wealth from fees and fines than a regular judge on the superior court bench.

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WHO IS GOING TO DO OUR FIGHTING?

Paragraphically, the Jacksonville Times-Union remarks: "We are willing to pay all the military expenditures of the United States, beginning with the time when the American people vote on themselves compulsory military service."

Doubtless that is a safe proposition, but what we want to know is, who is going to protect America and Americans unless they propose to do it themselves? Maybe the boobs propose to "let George do it." Well, the country that leaves it to George can be easily carried off in a tow sack.

Oh, "mother never raised her boy to be a soldier," but if anybody ever comes after her boy's goat, it will be "goodbye, Nannie"—unless he's a soldier and not "to proud to fight." Ain't it so, Mabel?

Of course, it is awfully vulgar and unrefined to fight, but when some other fellow is after our goat, he'd better not let us see him first. We ought to be too honorable to fight, yet entirely too proud to be chased away to the sticks. Unless every man is willing to take his stand and stand by it, who does he expect to take his stand while he is taking to the woods?

Why, it is all a joke that one lot of Americans are expected to do the country's fighting and dying while another lot lives to run away and lives to run some other day. Nothing doing. If a fellow is an American he has to be a man among men. That is all there is to it.

Compulsory military training is going against the grain with a lot of Americans—perhaps the majority—but unless this country has trained men to rely upon in an emergency, what kind of defense would or could it put up? Certainly we will have to cut out all our buttinsky talk and world power initiative if we are not even willing to prepare ourselves for defense against aggression.

Where did we ever get the idea that we can escape a national duty that is every man's and does not devolve upon one man any more than another? Who is going to do our fighting if we all refuse to train to fight?

CURRENT COMMENT.

The disposition of the cases of Congressman J. J. Britt in which he attempted to keep from Zebulon Weaver the certificate of election to the House of Representatives from the Tenth North Carolina district which was yesterday awarded Mr. Weaver, is no surprise to this paper, for it has felt all along that Mr. Weaver had a clear title to the certificate of election and that the cases brought in the State Court were primarily with the view of making evidence in any contest that Mr. Britt would take to Congress. The contest in the courts which Mr. Britt waged was first to have the Buncombe county board of canvassers make declaration of returns which were alleged to have on November 9 shown the vote in Buncombe county to have been such as to give Mr. Britt a majority of 13 in the Tenth district. That board declared that on November 9 it had only incomplete returns, and when it undertook to declare the returns on November 16 from the complete returns then in hand the majority in the district was 9 for Mr. Weaver, this obtained by including in the total unmarked ballots, bearing Mr. Weaver's name alone.—Raleigh News and Observer.

If the United States maintains an army of 1,000,000 men somebody will have to pay for it. Naturally the rich are quite content for the masses to foot the bill. Under universal military service every man in the country would be compelled to give from one to three years of his life, and two weeks to a month out of every succeeding four years, to the country without any adequate compensation. The rich would find it merely an inconvenience. The poor would find it a bitter sacrifice. On the other hand, if the United States maintains a big army by hiring holdiers and paying them decent wages, the poor man can well afford to enter the service. The army is bound to be made up of the masses, for there are not enough of the classes to defend the country in any case. But since they can't do the work, they might at least furnish the money. A big army in the United States is insurance at a tremendously high premium against a risk exceedingly remote. A big navy is insurance at about the same premium against a risk far closer. It is easily conceivable that we may have to fight a naval war; that might happen almost any time. But few things are less probable than that the United States will ever be called upon to fight a first-class power on land. If we ever do it will be because we have been criminally negligent about keeping our navy up to standard. But if we must have a big army, where is the justice of calling upon the people least able to bear it to pay the greater part of the price?—Greensboro News.

REV. J. L. DEERING DEAD.

Widely Known Through Work as Baptist Missionary in Japan.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—Rev. John L. Deering, D. D., widely known through his 25 years of Baptist missionary work in Japan, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., tonight, according to word received here. Death was due to spinal meningitis.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS NOW SEEN EVERYWHERE

Wilmington Postoffice Has Much Larger Business This Year.

City Presents True Holiday Appearance—Business This Year is Much Better Than Last Season, Say Merchants.

The Christmas spirit was to be seen everywhere in Wilmington yesterday and all day throngs of happy shoppers crowded the stores and walked the streets, each determined upon getting just the right gifts for loved ones. The rush which started early Monday morning is still in evidence with every indication of lasting until the last store has closed Saturday night.

Everybody in Wilmington seems to be intent on making this the biggest and best Christmas celebration in the history of the City by the Sea. Statements from merchants and others in a position to know what is taking place are unanimous in declaring that the buying in the stores is better than ever before and indicative of the improved conditions that have come about in the last few months.

Mail Business Larger.

A sure barometer of the improved business conditions is the greatly increased receipts of the local postoffice. All day yesterday there was a vast throng of people in the lobby of the first floor of the Federal building, all busy mailing packages to the four ends of the earth.

A significant fact that shows the improved conditions was that yesterday there were sent out 385 big canvas sacks of mail while on the corresponding day of last year there were but 256. That this is not exception for this season is shown by the further fact that on Wednesday of this week there were sent out 259 sacks of mail as against 180 for the corresponding day last year.

The immense volume of mail is taken care of with quickness and dispatch by the excellent arrangements that have been made by Postmaster H. McL. Green and Assistant Postmaster Warren G. Elliott. The increased business is being handled by the same force as last year, which is a fine tribute to the splendid organization that has been perfected.

Assistant Postmaster Elliott said last night that a much large number of packages are being insured this year than last year, due no doubt to the fact that the government now pays for damages to packages as well as for losses. The value of the packages in the aggregate this year is much larger than last, which shows a healthy condition of affairs.

Are Shopping Early.

The admonition to shop early has been heeded by the people here to a marked degree and every day this week the stores have been thronged. However, it is not likely that the buying will show any decrease during the week as there are always many who wait until the last minute to do their buying.

Two significant facts stand out this year, the first being that Christmas will cost more than ever before and the second being that the great mass of useless gifts have been done away with and strictly practical one substituted.

Delivery boys and wagons are having al lthey can possibly do to make their deliveries and parcels of all kinds are being distributed over the city. Much has been done by considerate residents to aid the merchants by carrying their own bundles.

The Christmas spirit has pervaded the entire city and everywhere there is an evident desire to co-operate in making verything move smoothly. It is an exceptional thing to see anyone of the thousands of shoppers become impatient.

Out-of-Town Visitors.

All of the incoming daylight trains during the week have brought large crowds to the city. The Atlantic Coast Line has put on a special train each day during the week from Chadbourn for the special accommodation of the shoppers along the W. C. & A. and the large number of passengers that came in yesterday shows that this service is appreciated.

A happy part of the Christmas season is the coming home of those who have been away to school. Many young men and young women have already arrived from the different colleges and universities. Another happy part of Christmas is the exchange of visits by relatives and there are an unusual number of out-of-town visitors in the city for the holidays.

Wilmington people have long been noted for their kindness and generosity and the poor and needy will be remembered this year as they have always been in the past. It is indeed a blessed thing that there are so many thoughtful people, who remember to send gifts to the less fortunate ones. The various charitable organizations have made ample preparations to see that everyone has Christmas dinner or at least that they shall have something out of the ordinary for the Yuletide season.

The theatres of the city have arranged special Christmas programmes for the holidays and there will be plenty of entertainment to make a stay in Wilmington worth while. The indications are that it will be well worth while to stay in Wilmington for Christmas.

The Christmas spirit is manifested particularly in the decorations. Holly and evergreens are to be seen in profusion in the homes and many hundreds of families have arranged to have Christmas trees.

The indications in every way point to a most delightful and happy Christmas.

DEATH OF MRS. RODERICK

Aged Woman Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning—Funeral Today.

Mrs. Mattie Roderick, widow of the late Mr. John Roderick, of No. 1120 S. Third street, passed away at the James Walker Memorial hospital shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning, following an illness of long duration. She was 63 years old. Mrs. Roderick is survived by one brother, Mr. C. C. Morse, of this city. Funeral services will be conducted from the residence this morning at 10 o'clock, and the interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

IF THESE DREAMS COME TRUE

There Will be Many Sorrowful Souls Among Us When the Christmas Quart Fails to Materialize.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, 'It might have been'."

And the saddest thing about this little couplet is the fact that it doesn't necessarily have to be repeated along with the throbs of a misspent life, or carved at the summit of a mountain of wasted opportunities. It can also be recited with feeling, when Christmas morning dawns, and you find that the express company has cached your Santa Claus quart somewhere between Baltimore and Wilmington.

For weeks, perhaps months, you have licked your drying chops, smacked your lips, and fondly dreamed of the musical gurgle with which the precious liquid would trickle down your throat on this, the day of days. You have awoke with a start from your dreams just as the first drop of the nectar is nozzling your palate. You turn over to resume your interrupted slumbers and then comes the nightmare. What if the quart don't come?

You are up with the dawn, and as soon as you have gulped down a mouthful of breakfast you hurry to the express office and stand in line until your time comes to be waited on. "Sorry," politely chirps the suave clerk. "It will probably show up on the next train from the North." Then you turn away with heavy heart and watch the throngs of other more fortunate mortals who step from the office hugging their precious little oblong packages, to their bosoms.

As a matter of fact, there is about as much red tape connected with receiving the Christmas booze as there is in running the gauntlet of the European spy catchers. The staff of the express office hear your pedigree recited, take a resume of your life history, note your religious and political affiliations, peep into your past character, and finally after poring over quaint volumes of ancient lore which contains autobiographies of your previous ventures in this line, hand you your package, with many misgivings, though with an outward expression, that to use the parlance of the dime novel writer, is "child-like and bland."

The express office these days is one of the busiest spots in the city, for in addition to the work noted in the foregoing paragraphs, there are plenty of other things to engage their attention. Thousands of Christmas presents are being shipped daily. Other thousands are being received.

While the delay this year is less than in previous years, there is still some unavoidable tie-ups, that are due for the most part to the usual congested traffic that comes with the yuletide season. The employes of the local office of the express company are rendering yeoman service to the public, and it is doubtful if any city in the State is receiving better service from the express companies during the holiday rush than is Wilmington.

A. STRUTTER BROADTAIL SHOT BY A POLICEMAN YESTERDAY

Was One of Sagest Counselors of Turkeyland—Killed While Escaping.

A. Strutter Broadtail, Esq., is dead.

The wise old globbler whose kindly interview enabled a Star reporter to write a Thanksgiving story on the probability of a general masacre of Turkeys on that day, was killed by a policeman in "Dry Pond" early yesterday morning.

Little could be learned last night concerning the events leading up to the tragedy, save that he had been marked for slaughter on Christmas Eve, and had been imprisoned to await his doom. In some manner, Mr. Broadtail affected an escape from his prison, and attempted to flee to safety until the danger was over.

By leaving the ground and flying from tree to tree and from house top to house top, he endeavored to make good his escape, but his eagled-eyed enemies discovered him and a hurry call was sent to police headquarters saying that a mad cat was on a rampage in that section of the city and Policeman Frank George was sent to the scene of the report.

As the officer hove in sight Mr. Broadtail was deceived into believing that the representative of the law was his friend, and exposed himself to view, with the result that an entire load of shot from the policeman's shotgun pierced his juicy bosom.

So Turkeyland has lost its sagest counselor, and a Star reporter has lost a friend. Another Christmas dinner has been assured, but like a shadow on the table, there will also be an empty perch.

Such is life.

Be it so.

MR. L. W. HODGES PASSES AT HOME IN FLORENCE, S. C.

Former Wilmingtonian Had Been Invalid for Several Years.

Many friends in Wilmington will be grieved to learn of the death of Mr. LaFayette W. Hodges, who passed away at his home in Florence, S. C., last night at 8 o'clock, according to a telegram received here by his brother, Mr. W. W. Hodges. He had been an invalid for the last two or three years, have suffered three strokes of paralysis at different times.

He was about 73 years old and formerly resided in Wilmington, but had lived for the past 35 years in Florence. He is survived by his wife, who was especially devoted to him, and three sons and one daughter, all grown. Surviving also are two brothers, Mr. W. W. Hodges, of this city, and Mr. C. B. Hodges, of Jacksonville, Fla., and three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Dempsey, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. R. H. Pickett and Mrs. T. H. Thompson, of Wilmington, all of whom have many friends who will sympathize tenderly with them in their bereavement.

The deceased was a member of Stonewall lodge, Knights of Pythias, here for many years. He served gallantly in the Confederate army, having enlisted when but 16 years old. He was wounded early in the war at Petersburg and was later transferred to the signal service and also served in the navy. He was a member of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, this city.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at Florence and the interment will be in that cit. Mrs. R. H. Pickett and Mrs. T. H. Thompson, of this city, will leave this afternoon to attend the funeral.

SEEKS PARDON FOR SON AND LATTER'S FRIEND

Father of M. Humphries Goes from Here to See Governor.

Sympathy of Wilmingtonians Enlisted in Behalf of Young Men Sentenced For Theft of Dr. Harlee Bellamy's Automobile.

Blieving that the young men came down here and got stranded and merely took Dr. Harlee Bellamy's automobile to enable them to get back to their home in Brooklyn, the sympathy of a number of local people, including former County Jailer J. M. Branch, has been enlisted in the efforts of Mr. John Humphries to obtain a pardon for his son, M. Humphries, and William Robas, who was sentenced at the November term of Superior court here to 12 months in the State Prison at Raleigh for larceny.

Mr. Humphries, who has been in Wilmington for the past few days, obtained a transcript of the case yesterday from Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of the Superior Court, and left for Raleigh on the afternoon train to seek a pardon from the Governor for his son and the latter's friends, Robas.

Humphries and Robas, pleaded guilty to the charge of having stolen Dr. Bellamy's automobile from in front of his residence when they were arraigned before Judge G. W. Connor, who presided over the term of court at which they were sentenced. In view of their plea no jury was empaneled to try the case, and no testimony was taken other than the statements of some of the court officers who were familiar with the case. At the time they were arraigned, they were not represented by counsel, but L. Clayton Grant, Esq., at the request of an attorney in Brooklyn, read several letters to the court.

Mr. Grant, in compliance with the request contained in one of the letters, asked Judge Connor whether it would make any difference in his imposition of sentence if the family made restitution for the damage done Dr. Bellamy's car. He was informed that it would not.

Judge Connor is reported to have remarked to an attorney that, but for the fact that some automobile keys were found in the possession of the defendants, he would have been inclined to take a more charitable view of the case.

At the time the young men were arraigned, both claimed to be less than 18 years of age and they also claimed that the offense to which they pleaded guilty was the first they had ever committed.

According to statements made yesterday by Mr. Humphries to persons in this city familiar with the case, he has visited Judge Connor and the latter has held out some hopes that he might recommend clemency.

Favors Indeterminate Terms.

Several days ago, Judge Connor was asked by a representative of The Star as to whether the ruling of the United States Supreme Court that a Federal judge has no power to suspend sentences in criminal cases indefinitely applied with equal force to Superior Court judges. In reply, Judge Connor stated that it had long been the custom of Superior Court judges to suspend sentences in such cases for determinate periods, and the Supreme Court of the State had appeared to acquiesce in their right to do this.

In this connection, Judge Connor declared that he would be in favor of having the Legislature pass an indeterminate sentence law and create a parole commission to administer it.

In discussing the need for such a law, Judge Connor took occasion to refer to the young men who were sentenced by him for the larency of Dr. Bellamy's car. He stated that although the men had pleaded guilty to the charge, he had since been written a number of letters in their behalf in which it was stated that they were first offenders. He pointed out that under the circumstances under which a Superior Court judge works he has little opportunity to investigate and more particularly in this case where the defendants had lived at a distance, there was no way for the court to ascertain whether they were criminals and had been making a practie of taking automobiles and disposing of them elsewhere, or whether they were, as it was claimed their first offense. He intimated that when such cases come before them, judges are often greatly puzzled and spend sleepless nights in determining what they ought to do.

Under the indeterminate sentence law, it was pointed out, such offenders could have been sentenced from two months to a year, and a parole commission could have investigated their past records thoroughly and let them out or not as the facts warranted.

Judge Connor stated that with reference to the passage of such a law, he had no detailed plan to offer and the working out of the details could be left to the Legislature.

The New York Law.

The functions of New York City's parole commission, which has large and unique powers for such a body, is thus described by its chairman, Miss Katherine B. Davis:

"A court of law determines when a person shall go to prison; the parole commission will have the responsibility no less important to society, of determining when a person shall come out.

"It has jurisdiction over the parole of the 7,000 to 8,000 persons annually committed under the new law for indeterminate sentences. These persons are convicted for misdemeanors or felonies, vagrancy, soliciting, drunkenness and other offenses.

"Under the indeterminate sentence law there is a maximum but no minimum term. Theoretically, the commission can let a person out one minute after he is received."

Building Open All Day.

While the special Christmas entertainment at the Isaac Bear school will take place at 10:30 this morning, the building will be open all day. The decorations are very attractive and a visit to the school will be well worth while for those who like the artistic. The building is well arranged for decorations and gives a most home-like and inviting appearance.

VEIL OF TIME TURNED BACK

Wilmington Young Women Give Striking Review of Prevailing Fashions for One Hundred Years.

Backward turned the veil of time at the Victoria theatre yesterday as a dozen or more charming young women appeared upon the stage dressed in all the prevaling styles for the last 100 years. Delightful music interspersed the programme which included the singing of Christmas carols. The entertainment was given under the auspices of North Carolina Sorosis and the musical programme was given by the Music Department of this organization.

Miss Margaret Gibson, president of Sorosis, presided at the exercises and explained the purpose as being to illustrate the evolution of styles and to impress the necessity of standardization. The exhibit was first arranged by Lady Duff Gordon as an educational feature of the programme for the delegates attending the biennial meeting of the National Federation of Women.

Mrs. M. L. Stover gave a very interesting and instructive lecture in connection with the exhibition. Her paper was based on the notes of the lecture which was given at the exhibition in New York by Mr. Frank Alvah Parsons, head of the School of Applied Designs in New York. She spoke of the splendid work that is being done by Mrs. Henry A. White, chairman of the Home Economics Department of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clus. Mrs. White saw the exhibition in New York and recognising a good thing with educational value brought it to this State. Mrs. Stover explained that the head of the Home Economics Department of the National Federation is now working on a proposition with manufacturers to standardize the dress for women.

Before the exhibition of the dresses, the choral section of the Music Department of Sorosis sang very sweetly the contata entitled "The Three Springs," and then three Christmas carols as follows: "Welcome Yule," "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," and "Holy Night."

The regal court costume of Marie Antoinette, a gorgeous creation of sapphire blue velvet and white satin skirt, court train, with picture hat and white plumes was worn by Miss Athalia Bunting while Miss Myrtle Vollers appeared in a dainty gown of white catin with drop shoulders and high waist, a type of the Colonial days, with poke bonnet and white plumes.

Miss Essie Harriss also wore one of the quaint Colonial costumes, this being made of white satin, made en court train, with puffs and panniers. A pink satin gown showing the bustle in hey dey of its size and popularity, was worn by Miss Miriam Holliday.

The gowns familiar in the days of the War Between the States was shown in a creation of lavender brocade with puffs and made in court train which was worn by Miss Louise Worth. The styles of the days of the seventies was shown in a number of dresses. One of these was a gown of green and gold brocade with basque effect and was worn by Miss Eleanor Harriss, while another, a tan and rose silk, was worn by Miss Adelaide Worth.

The styles of the following decade were shown in a gorgeous black and white velvet dolman, which was worn by Miss Sue Northrop, and an evening dress of blue satin, trimmed with pink chiffon, which was worn by Miss Mary Bellamy.

Miss Aline Saunders wore a voluminous cape of black velvet, typical of the styles of the nineties, while Miss Lida Penton wore a chiffon cape of tan and black. A coat with the balloon sleeves, trimmed in crinoline, was worn by Miss Gladys Taylor and an evening dress of spangled net and chiffon was worn by Mrs. Frank Ross. Miss Margaret Schulken wore a hobble skirt in black chiffon with blue trimmings.

A model coat suit, designed as a standard for women to adopt, with a broad brimmed walking hat, which was donated by the Bon Marche, was shown to fine advantage by Miss Florence Taylor.

TO HAVE TREASURE HUNT.

Boys of Y. M. C. A. Will Search for Membership Tickets Tomorrow.

The second annual treasure hunt for membership tickets in the Boys' Division of the Y. M. C. A. will be held again at 1 P. M. Saturday, December 23rd. A large crowd of boys searched for hours last Saturday, but were unable to find either of the tickets. Cards have been given out in the schools and among the business boys for those who wish to enter the hunt to sign up. These cards are already being turned in and, the prospects are that a much larger number of boys will enter the second hunt.

This very novel part of the December programme of the Boys' Division is open to every boy in the city between 12 and 18. The two membership tickets will be awarded to the boys who find them, and will entitle them to a year's membership. The tickets last year were found by Clarence Wilson and Otto Jordan.

Special interest has always centered around hidden treasure of every sort. There is fun in the mere search for hidden treasure. The boys expect to have a lot of fun looking for the tickets and the two lucky boys will have a treasure of real worth that will afford them much pleasure and many opportunities for growth and development and service throughout every day of 1917.

All boys will meet at the Y. M. C. A. for final instructions at 1 P. M. Saturday.

HAWAIIAN SINGERS COMING.

Will be Holiday Attraction at the Academy of Music.

The Kaikiki Hawaiian Singers will be one of the holiday offerings at the Academy of Music and will appear there on December 27. This company includes in its repertoire all the delightful vocal and instrumental music, that has proven so popular when reproduced on talking machines during the past few months.

Among the noted Hawaiian stars who will appear with the company are George Awai, accomplished guitar soloist; Jack Heleluhe, said to be the premier tenor on the island; and Amy Awai, another Hawaiian musician of note. This same company attfacted much favorable attention at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Since that time they have been touring the country as a lyceum attraction.

Christmas Gifts

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WANTS CITY TO TAKE LEAD

Local Red Cross Ladies Appeal to Public to Buy Christmas Seals on More Liberal Scale.

With only two days remaining of the campaign to dispose of Wilmington's allotment of Red Cross seals, the ladies in charge are very anxious that this city shall lead all others in the State in the sale of the holiday stickers, as has been the case for several seasons past with the exception of last year when Greensboro took the lead. The city has been divided into districts with committees in charge of each.

Yesterday's sales at the postoffice alone aggregated 739 seals. Mrs. James H. Cowan will be chaperone today.

Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, president of the local Red Cross chapter, stated last night that it is the ambition of the ladies in charge of the sales of Red Cross stamps to again place Wilmington in first place. In order that the sales here may not fall behind, Mrs. Martin appeals to the public to give more liberal support to the movement which gives every one a chance to help in the people's fight against the "white plague." It is pointed out, however, that unless the people buy more liberally it will not be possible to resume its leading place in this State in the work to stamp out tuberculosis in the nation.

SHOPPERS CAN HELP BY TAKING PACKAGES HOME

Several Merchants Suggest That This Would be a Great Help.

The delivery of Christmas goods in Wilmington could be greatly facilitated if the shoppers would show as much consideration for the delivery man as they can without inconvenience to themselves. There are many little purchases which the buyers could take along with them and thus relieve the congestion which is caused by the many places the man with the bundles has to visit in the course of the day. Several merchants have suggested that while they are glad to deliver stuff sold at their stores that it is a human impossibility to make the service as prompt as they would like and they will appreciate the co-operation of shoppers.

At the present time one of the most difficult departments of the holiday trade rush is getting the purchases into the homes. These little bundles of presents bought, thousands of them, pile up and even with the aid of the improved facilities for carrying them out the congestion cannot be altogether relieved, but probably would be if the buyers would only take along with them the little things which might almost be put in a man's pocket.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co. (advertisement.)

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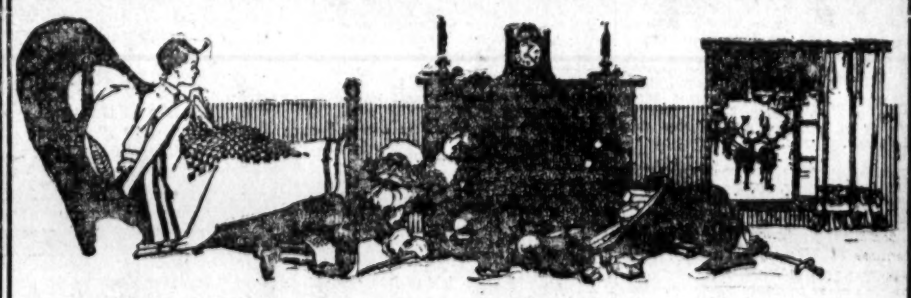

What Is Your Child Going to Find in Its Stocking

Have You Seen Santa Claus, and Prepared Him With the Things the Little Ones Have Been Talking About and Wishing For. If Not, Then Attend to it Today. There Are Only Two More Days, and Time is Up.

If You Have Toys Laid Aside

Come and get them, or have them sent out Today. Our delivery will be so crowded tomorrow that we cannot do all at the last minute. Then, too, we can not hold your goods until Saturday night unless we are absolutely sure of your taking them. See us, or 'phone about them Today!

We Cannot Guarantee Delivery

Of goods sold after 6 o'clock Saturday evening. We are going to do our best to deliver everything we sell, but if you put off doing your holiday shopping until after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, then you will have to carry your goods or take a chance on the delivery. We'll try to get them there, but we cannot guarantee it.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Pattie Walker, of Elizabeth City, was among the guests of the Wilmington yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bowen, of Kerr, were in the city yesterday. They were registered at the Orton.

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Messrs. J. F. and Marion Smith, sons of former Mayor Joseph D. Smith, are spending the holidays in the city.

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Mrs. W. E. Lawson is spending the holidays in Winston-Salem with Mr. Lawson's parents.

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Miss Miriam McClammy, who is attending school at Hendersonville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClammy.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, of Clinton, were among the visitors to Wilmington yesterday. They were guests of the Orton while in the city.

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Mrs. D. S. Monroe and son, D. S. Monroe, Jr., are spending some time in the city visiting relatives.

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Mr. Jas. T. Barker, of Baltimore, Md., is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Merritt, No. 115 North Fifth avenue.

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Miss Annie Brown, of Hawkinsville, Ga., and Mrs. J. N. Knight, of Elizabethtown, N. C., are visiting friends and relatives in this city.

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Mrs. I. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with the family of Mr. C. C. Covington. Mr. Murphy will join her Saturday.

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The public library will be closed on account of the Christmas holidays from tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock until Tuesday, December 26, when it will be open again at the usual hours.

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Miss Catherine Rulfs has returned home from Salem College at Winston-Salem to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rulfs.

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Rev. E. C. Sell, the new pastor of the Bladen Street Methodist church, has moved his family here from Mayesville. They will reside at No. 815 North Fifth avenue.

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Mrs. Edwin Wilson and son, Master Hugh McLean, of Haverford, Pa., arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Wilson's brother, Postmaster H. McL. Green.

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Mr. John Bonitz, who has been a student at the A. & M. College at Raleigh for the past term, arrived home last night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bonitz.

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The committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will be at the church today from 11 to 1 o'clock for the purpose of receiving donations for Christmas baskets for the needy.

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Mrs. A. S. Holden and son, Arnold, left yesterday afternoon for New Bern, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Holden's daughter, Mrs. A. H. Stanland. Mr. Holden will join them tomorrow.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Love, who have been living in California for the past three years, have returned to the city and are making their home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ruark.

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Mrs. P. H. Mason, of this city, who is visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va., will be joined tomorrow by Mr. Mason who left Wilmington last night en route for that city. Later on they will spend some time with Mr. Mason's relatives in Virginia. Mr. Mason will return home after the holidays, but Mrs. Mason will not return until about February 1st.

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The Salvation Army gave a very enjoyable programme at their Christmas entertainment which was held in their hall near Front and Dock streets last night. No admission was charged, but a silver offering was taken. Among those who had places on the programme were Nellie Matthews, Mary Jacobs, Eleanor Edwards, Maggie Stubbs, Annie Mae Connor, Helen Crooms, Rosa Matthews, Marvin Huddleston, Janie Pershake, Bessie Pope, Lottie Cooper, Lelia Todd, Annabelle Pershake and Alex Pugh.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. H. D. Burkheimer, of Rockingham, is spending several days in the city shopping. Mrs. Burkheimer was joined here by her daughters, Misses Bessie and Florence Burkheimer, who arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon from York, S. C. Mrs. Burkheimer and family expect to move to Wilmington the middle of January. Miss Anne Burkheimer, youngest daughter of Mrs. Burkheimer, makes her home in Wilmington, where she holds a position as stenographer in the general offices of the auditing department of the Atlantic Coast Line."

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Miss Bertha Zoeller's interesting kindergarten class entertained their relatives and quite a number of visitors yesterday at her class room in the Luther Memorial building, corner of Sixth and Princess streets. There were recitations and songs both in the English and German languages and the display of their artistic accomplishments in the line of kindergarten work show what scientific training means for a teacher in this art. There are nearly a dozen children in the class. They were given a Christmas tree and were remembered by Santa Claus. Miss Lula May Blalock assisted at entertaining the spectators.

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DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT IS GIVEN AT WINTER PARK SCHOOL

A beautiful little playlet entitled "The Night Before Christmas" was most delightfully rendered in appropriate costumes at the Winter Park school last evening before an enthusiastic audience that completely filled the building, and brought forth well merited praised to the teachers in charge and to the pupils who participated.

Miss Buck, the principal, with her capable assistants, Miss Rhodes and Middleton, trained the children in the selections presented, and were graciously aided by the parents who furnished the costumes used.

In addition to the playlet, a "Santa Claus Song" was given by the first, second and third grades; a "Christmas Acrostic" by nine little girls, and "The Night Before Christmas" was recited by Frank Montgomery. The entertainment proved to be one of the most delightful ever given by the school.

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Y. W. C. A. CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 21.—"White Gifts for the King," was the feature of the Christmas service of the Y. W. C. A. of Flora Macdonald College, held on Sunday evening, December 17th, in the auditorium. It was one of the most beautiful services which has ever been conducted in the college. The white Christmas tree, laden with gifts of self, service and substance, the effective arrangement of gleaming candles and the white robed girls made an attractive picture.

The gifts amounted to $87.49, distributed as follows: The lepers, $33.92; Ministerial relief, $20.72; Balfour Orphanage, $5.35; Miss Tate, $5.10; the Episcopal church, $2.40; Bibles for European soldiers, $20, the last sum being given by the Epsilon Chi literary society.

Dr. C. G. Vardell, Mrs. D. P. McEachern and Miss Eloise McGill attended a meeting of the executive council of the Scottish Society of America in Fayetteville on Tuesday, the 19th. The other members of the council are Mr. J. P. McNeill, of Florence, S. C.; Mr. L. A. Bethune, Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. Marshall Williams, Faison, N. C.; Mr. A. J. Matheson, Bennettsville, S. C.; Miss Ida McLean Black and Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., of Wilmington, and Hon. Locke Craig, president of the society.

Miss Helen Bostick, who teaches at Bailey, N. C., is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The Red Springs Chapter, U. D. C., served toothsome barbecued pig Saturday afternoon, from which they realized a very nice sum. The pig was donated by Maj. Geo. H. Hall.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Robert E. Gonzales, the noted paragrapher of the Columbia State, who passed away at a military hospital on the border early Wednesday morning, had many friends in Wilmington who were deeply grieved to learn of his untimely death. Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, of this city, was a classmate of Mr. Gonzales at the Citadel in 1903.

—Chief of Police Williams has received notice from Chief of Detectives J. P. Carney, of Louisville, Ky., that Harry L. Thompson, formerly employed with the Atlantic Coast Line offices in this city, is being held in Louisville on a charge of forgery and passing worthless checks. The letter also inquired if Thompson was wanted on a similar charge in Wilmington.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: C. B. Parmele to J. F. Roache and wife, property on Ocean avenue, consideration, $100; Woodus Kellum, trustee, to D. R. Foster, property on 17th street, consideration, $100; F. V. Batson to F. R. Covil, property in Harnett township, consideration, $10 and other valuable considerations; W. M. Cumming and wife to Thos. H. Wright, property on Wilson street, consideration, $75.

To Keep Skin Healthy, Youthful, Wrinkleless

Now that the social season is here, be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing or ball room. Also how very evident are some makeups when similarly illuminated. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night I smear on a thin coat of ordinary mercolized wax, washing it off next morning. This gradually absorbs the devitalized particles of surface skin; just as gradually the more youthful skin beneath comes forth, providing a complexion as clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's, and try this remarkable treatment.

Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in a brilliantly lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered saxolite, one ounce, dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint. And your face won't look sticky, as after using pastes.—Aunt Sally, in Woman's Realm.

MR. GRANT TO MAKE ADDRESS

New Hanover Representative Will Make Main Address at North Carolina Day Exercises at School.

Exercises at the High School auditorium this morning at 9 o'clock in celebration of North Carolina Day, will be featured by an address by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., Representative-elect to the Legislature, on the life and work of Judge Archibald Murphey and Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, the first-named being the "Father of the Public Schools of the State", and the latter the State Superintendent of Public Instruction during the War Between the States.

The exercises will be open to the public and are to be held under the auspices of the two literary societies of the school, of which Mr. Grant is a graduate. Mr. Grant was also president of one of the first literary societies organized at the High School.

In addition to the exercises at the High School, North Carolina Day and Christmas will also be celebrated in all the city schools. It is expected that a large number of patrons and friends of the schools will show their interest in the work of the schools by attending in large numbers. A special invitation has been extended by the principals and teachers, through Superintendent J. J. Blair to the committeemen of the several schools to attend the respective institutions over which they have oversight in a body.

The hours at which the exercises will be held in the different schools is as follows: Union, 9 A. M.; William Hooper, 9:45 A. M.; Isaac Bear Memorial, 10:30 A. M.; Cornelius Harnett, 11 A. M.; Hemenway, 11:30 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Howard Hanby, of the University of North Carolina, is spending the holidays at home with his parents.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: J. D. Lewis, Whiteville; James Arnette, Rutherfordton; G. T. Morgan, East Arcadia; J. D. Patterson, New Bern; N. A. Sinclair, Fayetteville; R. O. Weeks, Bolton.

Sellers-Butler Wedding.

Miss Leola Sellers, daughter of Mrs. J. D. Sellers, of No. 1415 South Fourth street, and Mr. William F. Butler, also of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the bride's residence. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Southside Baptist church. Only the immediate relatives and a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Butler will take up their residence at the home of the bride's mother.

COTTON QUOTED AT 16 7-8

Wilmington Market Yesterday Was Slightly Ahead of the New York Quotation—Receipts Were Fair.

Wilmington may not be ahead of New York in many things, but there are a few in which the nation's metropolis is out-distanced by "North Carolina's Gateway Port." These need not be enumerated, but at least one thing stands out prominently is the fact, that the cotton quotation on the local market yesterday was a fraction of a cent ahead of the price given at the close of the New York market. After having stood "nominal" since Tuesday the market was quoted at 16 7-8 here as compared with 16.70 in New York. This is something very unusual and it would be hard to recall when such a situation existed before.

Markets throughout the country under went slumps in many instances there being recorded losses of around half a cent a pound. The price quoted here was the lowest it has been for many weeks, being a decline of little less than a cent since Monday. Saturday's quotation was 18 cents. Savannah was one of the few markets which showed no decline yesterday. Charleston refused to set up price whatever, while Norfolk was the same as Wilmington.

Shipments to this port were fair considering the season, there being 480 bales received, according to records kept at the Chamber of Commerce. This makes the total receipts for the season 72,355. On the same day last year the season's receipts were 134,563. The quotation was 11 1-4.

TWO GOOD GAMES TONIGHT.

Final Clashes of the First Half of "Y" Basketball Season.

Two corking good basketball games are promised the lovers of this great sport at the Y. M. C. A. gym tonight when the final contests of the first half of the season will be staged. The Athletics and Tigers will be the contestants in the opening melee, and the Red Sox and Americans will be the attraction in the second set-to.

As the teams stand at present, the Athletics are one game ahead of their nearest rivals, the Tigers and Americans, who are tied in a knot for the second rung of the pennant ladder. Should the Athletics trounce the junglecats tonight, and the Scarlet Hose take the honors from the Americans then the Athletics will be the undisputed champs of the first half, and the games that were postponed from last Friday will not be played. Should the games tonight, however, terminate so as to give some of the under dogs a chance at the flag then the postponed games will have to be played before the first half title can be decided.

FAIRMONT HAS A BIG FIRE

Blaze Completely Destroyed Stores of Livingston & Vaught and Pittman Drug Co.—Loss $25,000.

Wilmington insurance agencies were advised yesterday that the village of Fairmont in Robeson county was visited by a disastrous fire in the early hours of the morning, burning several stores and endangering at least a half dozen others. While the exact amount of the damage was not known, it will total not less than $25,000. A large part of the loss is covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze had not been determined.

When the fire was discovered at 3:15 o'clock in the large mercantile establishment of Livingston & Vaught, it had already gained considerable headway and quickly spread to the Pittman drug store, which occupied an adjoining building. Both stores were burned practically to the ground, all of the stock being consumed. The stocks of several other stores, including O. J. Floyd & Co., J. D. McLean and E. R. Floyd were damaged by exposure to the rain, having been removed when it was thought that the progress of the flames could not be checked.

Livingston & Vaught estimated their loss at about $3,000 while the building occupied by them and owned by Mr. J. S. Thompson, was valued at $3,000 with insurance amounting to $1,500. The Pittman Drug Company had a stock valued at $8,000 with only $3,000 insurance.

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Nut Tarts *Fig Cookies* *Peanut Brittle*
Honey Cakes *Spice Cookies* *Sugar Mints*

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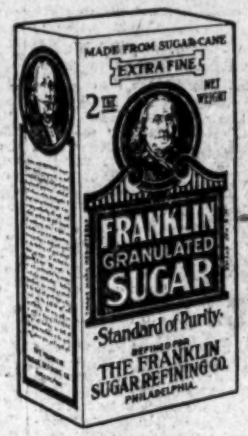

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THEATRICAL

An old actor—a relic of bygone days, broken in purse, no longer desired by the managers, but proud, dignified and courtly; a little girl who has broken into the show business by way of a trapeze and has yet to learn of its intricacies and pitfalls.

These are the principal characters in the latest great D. W. Griffith Triangle drama, "Stranded," which will be today's big attraction at the Grand, and is undoubtedly one of the very greatest Triangle dramas of the year.

"Stranded" is a photoplay of rare charm and fascinating beauty, presenting the eminent Broadway star, DeWolf Hopper, playing opposite beautiful and accomplished artiste, Bessie Love, in this great Triangle production staged under the personal supervision of the great David W. Griffith.

The play is the work of Anna Loos, one of the most accomplished of America's scenario writers. It is a simple, touching story, filled with both thrills and heart-interest—the kind of play that grown-ups and children will watch alike with both interest and sympathy from start to finish.

For this production the director has chosen a cast which fits every character in a perfect manner. The two chief roles above in the hands of DeWolf Hopper and Bessie Love, can well be imagined as great, and it should be one of the very greatest Triangle pictures of the year.

"Shielding Shadow" Today.

Did you see the last chapter of that mammoth Pathe serial achievement, "The Shielding Shadow," at the Bijou last Friday? If you didn't you missed two reels of the most entertaining and thrilling, not to say wonderful and mystifying photoplay work you have ever had an opportunity to see.

But that's "spilled milk" and there's no use talking about it, but today at the Bijou you have the opportunity of witnessing the last chapter of this great serial supreme in two reels, entitled "The Great Sacrifice," in which Bianca, to save Ravengar, turns against her own henchmen and helps the man of mystery to hide in the cellar of a shack. To save him from dynamite explosion she gives her life to save the man she loves, in one of the most tense scenes ever filmed. This episode also contains the spectacular destruction of three of Bianca's henchmen, who, unaware that a blast is about to be set off, have hidden themselves in a quarry. You don't want to miss this great two-reel chapter, which will hold you on the edge of your seat for a half hour.

Willie Collier, that famous Broadway star, appears at the head of a big Keystone cast in the latest great Triangle-Keystone comedy, "Never Again," two solid reels of laughs, also on today's big bill at the Bijou.

"The Birth of a Nation"

The seat sale for the limited return engagement of "The Birth of a Nation" beginning Christmas Day opens at the Elvington Pharmacy this morning at 9 o'clock. As all seats are reserved for all performances which are given twice daily, the advance sale will be very large as was the case during the highly successful run last season. Never in the history of the theatre has a theatrical production attracted so much attention and discussion. Its fame is now world-wide and it is being shown in the principal cities of Europe, Asia, South America and Australia, where it is duplicating the remarkable records made in the United States.

The production will be maintained at the same high standard of last season with the same symphony orchestra of thirty picked musicians. The management again wishes to urge patrons to purchase their seats well in advance. There is always such a long line before each performance that many fail to see the opening scenes of the picture which develop the story. By buying in advance the long wait in line is obviated and the patron has more time to secure the particular location desired. Wherever return engagements have been played the attendance has been fully as large as for the first showing. This engagement will positively be the last in this city as the Griffith spectacle is now on its farewell tour.

The performance will begin sharply at 3:15 and 8:15 p. m., and run until 6:05 and 11:05 p. m. The entertainment is very long and it is therefore imperative to commence promptly at the advertised time. This is another argument for buying seats in advance.

New Bill at Royal.

"The Fixer" is the title of the third offering of Danny Lund's Triangle girls to be presented at the Royal Theatre today and tomorrow. An entire change of wardrobe, songs and specialties by the different members of the company will be seen in this new musical farce comedy, "The Fixer." Lund's Triangle Girls have held the boards at the Royal since Monday and have drawn large audiences during their stay here and no doubt the change of the bill tonight will be equally as pleasing as those presented the first of the week. The matinee performance will be at 3 o'clock and the night performances at 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

Scene from the special holiday attraction, "The Birth of a Nation," on the Academy Christday day and the day following.

DE WOLF HOPPER AND BESSIE LOVE IN "STRANDED," TRIANGLE PLAY.

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Screen Stars Are Charlotte's Guests

STATE CONVENTION OF MOVING PICTURE MEN CONCLUDED IN GRAND BALL, LASTING THROUGHOUT NIGHT.

(By D. M. Bain.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 21.—Charlotte tonight is in the throes of the motion picture people. At the big Charlotte auditorium a grand ball is in progress which will last until daylight, ending the convention of the North Carolina Exhibitors' League, after three days' session.

As guests of honor at the ball are Miss Rose Tapley, Miss Mabel Trunnelle, Maurice Costello and Herbert Pryor, to whom all Charlotte is paying homage tonight. The honored guests were publicly introduced by President Percy W. Wells, each making short talks, after which the spirit of revelry displaced the seriousness of the past three days' deliberations, handsomely gowned women lending charm to the occasion, while music from many orchestras is the cue for dancing, which will continue throughout the night.

At 6:30 this evening the exhibitors were tendered a Dutch luncheon at the Selwyn, attended by more than 200.

At the final business session this morning plans were perfected for obtaining lower taxation laws at the next session of the Legislature and the league will have a representative in Raleigh during the entire session.

CHRISTMAS RECESS AT TRINITY

Holiday Vacation Began Yesterday; Ends January 2nd.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Christmas recess began here today at 1 o'clock and will continue through Tuesday, January 2, regular college duties being resumed again at 8:45 on the morning of January 3rd. All the students, except those living considerable distance from Durham, have gone to their homes for the vacation.

Many members of the faculty will be away from the city during the time, visiting or attending sessions of learned societies here and there. Among those who will take part on the programmes of some of the organizations which meet during the Christmas recess are Profs. Cecil A. Moore and T. S. Graves, both of the English department, and Prof. William K. Boyd, of the department of history. Dr. Moore and Dr. Graves will attend the 24th annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, which will be held at Princeton University from December 27th to 29th, inclusive. Dr. Moore will give a paper at that meeting entitled "The Return to Nature in English in the 18th Century," and Dr. Graves has a paper for the same occasion entitled "Playing in the Dark During the Elizabethan Period." Dr. Moore's paper will be published in full in "Studies in Philology," of the University of North Carolina, in April, 1917. Prof. Boyd has a place on the programme of the 32nd annual meeting of the American Historical Association, which will be held in Cincinnati, O., from December 27th to 30th, inclusive.

FAYETTEVILLE GETS CASKET FACTORY FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Industry and Embalmers' School Represent $50,000 Investment.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Fayetteville has been selected by the location committee of the North Carolina Undertakers and Embalmers Association as the site of the casket factory and school of embalming to be established by that body, which represents the colored undertakers of the State. The action was taken at a meeting in Durham.

Fayetteville was chosen solely on the merits of its advantages as a manufacturing center, as no other inducements were offered by this city, while Durham offered a free site and financial assistance. It is said that this industry will represent an investment of $50,000.

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DR. WM. H. MOORE, BELOVED METHODIST MINISTER, DEAD.

Member of N. C. Conference 53 Years; Missed Only Two Roll Calls.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 21.—Dr. William H. Moore, who for a number of years was presiding elder of this district, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. LeGrand Everette, Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. Dr. Moore has been in declining health for several months, having been confined to his bed only for the past few days.

He was born October 31, 1838, in Washington, N. C. He was a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference for 53 years, missing roll call at the annual meetings only twice—once during the Civil War when it was impossible for him to reach the appointed place of conference, and the December meeting of this year, when illness prevented.

Surviving are his wife and five daughters: Mrs. J. LeGrand Everette, Mrs. William Little Steele and Miss Maud Moore, of Rockingham; Mrs. Horton Ihrie, of Pittsboro, and Mrs. Tom Parsons, of Greensboro, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came.

Dr. Moore was much beloved by all who knew him for his lovely traits of character and purity of thought.

Services were conducted this morning at the Main Street Methodist church by Bishop Kilgo and other ministers. Interment was made at East Side cemetery, Rockingham.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR BUYING RED CROSS SEALS

Success of Campaign Depends on Last Days Before Christmas.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Today's bulletin from the State Board of Health calls attention to the fact that only a few more days remain in which to buy and use Red Cross Christmas seals. It emphasizes the fact that this is not an opportunity to be accepted any time during the year, but at this season only when needs are most urgent and plans are in waiting to put to use the proceeds from the sale. The bulletin says:

"The impossible as to the sale of Red Cross Seals and the plans that are waiting on the results is not being attempted. Behind every movement or effort to sell seals there is a logical reason and there is a well laid plan by which the motive may reach its ultimate end. In many towns it is to employ a public health nurse, in other towns and communities it is to help tuberculosis patients take treatment, and in others, it is to meet the needs of indigent cases of tuberculosis and to further advance the knowledge of the disease.

"Upon these last days before Christmas," says the bulletin, "depends the success or failure of many a plan laid with the view of aiding in the fight against tuberculosis. It may be for lack of co-operation and shirking responsibility these last few days that a town will have to wait for a year, or perhaps indefinitely, the employment of a public health nurse, or that deserving tuberculosis patients will have to defer treatment which in their case means hopeless cure. On the other hand, it may be that in these last days, when the true Christmas spirit is within the hearts of men, that none of these things shall meet failure."

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5000 Peanut Sacks
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USE OF FIRE WORKS

At a meeting of the Council, held on the 20th instant, it was ordered that Section 189 of the Revised Ordinances be suspended from December 24th, 1916, to January 1st, 1917, both inclusive.

"Provided, however, that the use, firing or display of firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, roman candles, pistols, canes, or other like appliances is expressly forbidden at any point West of Front street, within the limits of the city;

"Provided, further, That the use or firing of firecrackers over 4 inches in length, any pistol using blank cartridges or caps, or other explosive appliances containing Chlorate of Potash mixture, is hereby expressly forbidden within the city limits. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a penalty of Ten Dollars."

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TO RAISE $10,000,000 FOR RELIEF OF JEWS

Big Campaign Launched With Mass Meeting in New York.

Big Undertaking Proposed to be Completed in a Year—Rev. Dr. Judah L. Magnes Tells of Conditions in War Zone.

New York, Dec. 21.—A campaign for the raising of $10,000,000 during the year 1917 for the Relief of Jewish War Sufferers opened with a massmeeting at Carnegie Hall tonight. The Rev. Dr. Judah L. Magnes, acting vice chairman of the American Jewish Relief committee, who has recently investigated the condition of Jews in Europe, opened the meeting with an appeal to the Jews of America to supplement the generosity by which they have, since the war began, contributed more than $6,000,000, by a supreme effort to raise an additional $10,000,000 during the next year.

"Those of us in America," he said, "who have not actually seen with their own eyes, cannot begin to picture what it means for a whole people to be on the verge of starvation, and for a large part of that people to be actually starving.

"Peace, should it come, will not at once ameliorate their condition. The devastation has been too great; the overthrow of normal economic conditions has been absolute and there will be for years widows and orphans to be provided for, aged men to be succored and able bodied men and women to be found employment.

"I have suggested, and my suggestion has been received with favor, that the Jews of America raise a fund of as many millions as there be needed, to be loaned without interest, to accomplish this rehabilitation wherever it may be needed. From what we know of the Jewish people we need have no fears as to the security, for that is to be found in the character and racial stability we boast."

PRESIDENT PLANNING FOR OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Will Distribute Over 100 Turkeys to Executive Office Employees.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson is preparing for an old-fashioned home Christmas at the White House. There will be a Christmas tree for the children of the family, including Josephine Cothran, the President's grand niece, who arrived at the White House last night, with her mother, Mrs. Anna Cothran, of Philadelphia, and Ellen McAdoo, grand daughter of Mr. Wilson. The family party will include Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Miss Margaret Wilson, and relatives of Mrs. Wilson.

More than 100 turkeys will be distributed Saturday by the President to employes of the executive offices. On Christmas day he and Mrs. Wilson are to deliver presents to a number of poor families.

LUTHER BURBANK MARRIES

Plant Evolutionist Weds His Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Waters.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Luther Burbank, plant evolutionist, and his secretary, Miss Elizabeth Waters, were married here today. The ceremony was private.

WHEAT PRICES RISE AFTER 7-CENT BREAK

Traders Temporarily Ignored the Movements for Peace.

Market Experiences Almost Panicky Selling—Quotations Rebound, Wiping Out Early Loss and Closing at Net Gain.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Notwithstanding almost panicky selling and a seven-cent break in wheat prices today, the market made a greater rebound, and closed strong with substantial net gains. Sudden merchandising demand on a vast scale to supply Europe with cheap wheat developed when prices tumbled sensationally down grade. The ensuing big rally came with such surprising force that wheat at the last parted company with the stock market and traders temporarily ignored even the moves at Washington and elsewhere in regard to peace.

At the opening, the sole consideration in the wheat pit was President Wilson's note to the warring governments. Unlimited quantities of wheat were thrown on the market the instant trading began and values crashed downward until in a few minutes the maximum decline of seven cents a bushel had been reached.

Signs that European governments were buying wheat on a scale not surpassed in many weeks, started an upward movement of price that had only one serious interruption. Alarming bulletins that Secretary Lansing had said the United States was being drawn near the verge of war bewildered dealers for a period about the middle of the session, but when the complete statement from the Secretary was at hand, confidence grew rapidly. Attention was devoted almost solely to the announcement of export business, especially the latest estimate that sales to Europe aggregated 2,000,000 bushels or more, at the highest prices in weeks from across the Atlantic.

Last prices were at virtually the topmost level of the day, 1-8 off to 2 1-4c advance, as compared with yesterday's latest figures. The greatest advance was in May, which stood at $1.63 1-4 to $1.63 3-4 at the close.

TWO STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY.

Well Known Mt. Olive Citizens Ill. Christmas Trade Heavy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 21.—Two well known Mount Olive people have been stricken with apoplexy this week. W. T. Rose, of the firm of Rose & Herring, grocerymen here, sustained a light stroke Monday night about 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Sallie C. Kornegay, an aged lady residing here with her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Taylor, suffered a stroke early Wednesday morning, and, because of her advanced age, her condition is considered far from satisfactory.

As a continuation of the heavy trade they have been enjoying during the fall months, local merchants have prepared for a heavy holiday trade by laying in heavy stocks of Christmas goods—apples, bananas, oranges, toys, etc., and their expectations along this line are being satisfactorily met with.

KNOTTIEST PROBLEM NOW BEING TACKLED

Drafting of "General Laws" in Advance of the Legislature.

State Officials Pleased That Committee of Bar Association and Municipal Council Have Undertaken This Work.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—With the assignment of special committees by the general committees from the North Carolina Bar Association and the State Municipal Council to draft the various general laws that it will be necessary for the Legislature to pass for the operation of the four constitutional amendments recently ratified, and the departure of these committeemen for their homes to get busy with these tasks, State officers and others in touch with the work that is likely to devolve on the 1917 Legislature assert that about the knottiest problems that are to confront the Assembly are broached and there is very general gratification that the lawyers of the State are setting themselves to the task of threshing out these matters in advance of the convening of the Assembly.

The interests of most people will be effected by the legislation that is enacted to take care of the chartering of municipalities and county governments and the fixing of limits and conditions for bond issues and general control of the town and county finances. As announced yesterday, the committee from the municipal council has determined to have separate bills to control general city charters and the like and the finances, such as bond issues, the O. K. of the highest bond issue authorities to be obtained for whatever bill as to bonds and general finances is evolved.

J. W. Ruark, J. E. Pegram, E. T. mittee charged with the drafting of Cansler and C. C. Taylor are the committee these bills. It is proposed to have a State municipal board of control composed of the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the chairman of the Corporation Commission to pass on all charters and the like, which must also be adopted by vote of the people. There will be the privilege accorded to the people of any town to adopt commission, managerial or aldermanic form of government.

The Supreme Court has adopted a new rule whereby after adjournment for the term the court can be reconvened at any time before the next regular term on the order of the Chief Justice, or in case of his incapacity, by any of the other justices in the order of seniority. The court expects to deliver a final batch of opinions Saturday of this week and take recess for the Christmas holidays.

PROPOSES MARINE HOSPITAL

Bill Provides for Site and Suitable Buildings at Norfolk.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A $500,000 appropriation for an adequate side and buildings for a marine hospital at Norfolk, Va., was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Holland, of Virginia.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: G. D. Rosser, Rocky Mount; John C. Guion, New Bern; E. W. Godwin, Jr., Point Caswell.

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MRS. LINDSAY PATTERSON GIVES JAPANESE BAMBOO TO TRINITY.

Memorial to James H. Southgate Being Mailed Out From College.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, N. C., Dec. 21.—Announcement was made here this morning that Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, had again shown her public spirit and her interest in Trinity College by recently donating to it a very large quantity of Japanese bamboo, which is a very rare species in this country. For two years the college authorities have been endeavoring to find in the nurseries of the country a sufficient quantity of this particular variety of bamboo to plant on the campus, which has been undergoing extensive improvement for several years. All such efforts failed, however, and the present gift of Mrs. Patterson comes at a very opportune time, making it possible to carry out an original plan for campus improvement.

Registrar D. W. Newsom and Mr. Tom Fuller Southgate are sending out to their friends a four-ply white writing bristol card 9x13 inches in size, carrying an engraved headpiece—a half-tone portrait of the late Mr. James Haywood Southgate, with embellishment in live engraving—and a tail piece of "Southgate's Cabin" in Orange county. Between these appears the seven stanza poem by Mr. Newsom, entitled, "In the Memory of Everybody's Friend, Marse Jim," which attracted wide attention as an unusual piece of literary effort when it appeared recently. The poem is here set in black text letters printed in double tone sepia ink. These cards are from the Seeman Printery in this city and are being distributed by Mr. Newsom and Mr. Southgate, the son of the late James H. Southgate.

FREIGHT WRECK ON A. C. L.

Half a Dozen Cars Derailed on Wilmington-New Bern Line.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—But for the fact that the engineer in charge of that particular freight train managed to slam on the emergency brakes as soon as he felt a "dragging" feeling on his train when it was at a point about four miles west of New Bern Tuesday evening, there would doubtless have occurred a serious wreck.

In some way the flange on one of the wheels of a car in the long train broke and this derailed five loaded freight cars and a carload of logs and all traffic on that line was held up for fifteen hours or longer.

Brought to Hospital.

Whiteville News Reporter: "While coming down stairs at her home last Saturday Mrs. J. D. Maultsby fell and severely sprained one of her limbs. She was taken to the hospital in Wilmington and latest reports are to the effect that she is getting along nicely and will return home the latter part of the week."

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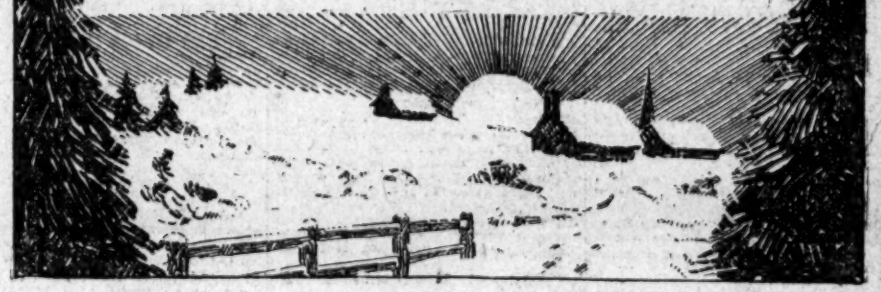

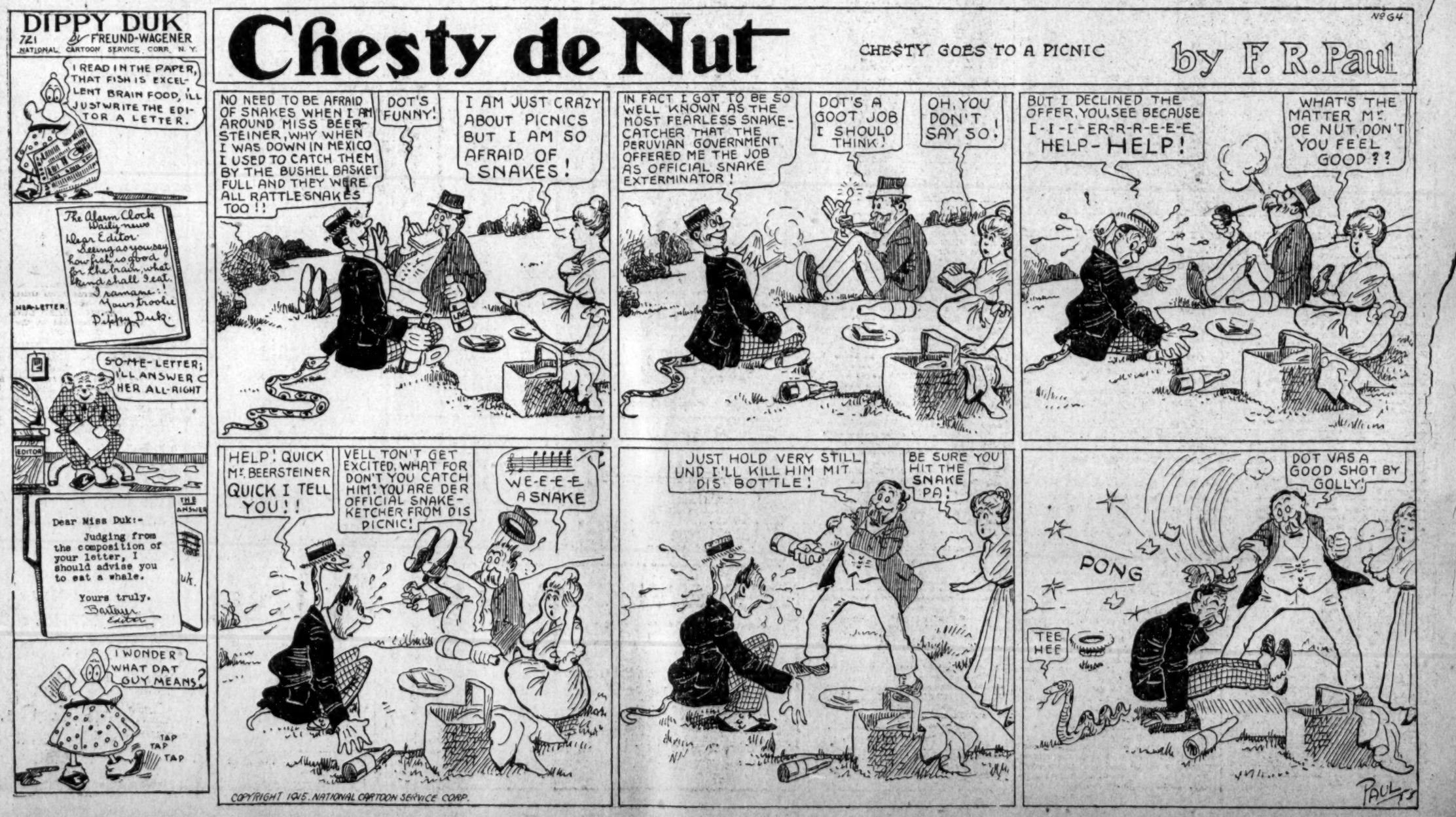
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Chesty de Nut
CHESTY GOES TO A PICNIC
by F. R. Paul
I READ IN THE PAPER, THAT FISH IS EXCELLENT BRAIN FOOD, I'LL JUST WRITE THE EDITOR A LETTER.
The Alarm Clock Daily news
Dear Editor
Seeing as you say how fish is good for the brain, what kind shall I eat.
I remane:!
Yours trooley
Diffy Duk.
HER LETTER
SO ME-LETTER; I'LL ANSWER HER ALL-RIGHT
EDITOR
THE ANSWER
Dear Miss Duk:-
Judging from the composition of your letter, I should advise you to eat a whale.
Yours truly.
Editor
I WONDER WHAT DAT GUY MEANS?
TAP TAP TAP
NO NEED TO BE AFRAID OF SNAKES WHEN I AM AROUND MISS BEERSTEINER, WHY WHEN I WAS DOWN IN MEXICO I USED TO CATCH THEM BY THE BUSHEL BASKET FULL AND THEY WERE ALL RATTLESNAKES TOO!!
DOT'S FUNNY!
I AM JUST CRAZY ABOUT PICNICS BUT I AM SO AFRAID OF SNAKES!
IN FACT I GOT TO BE SO WELL KNOWN AS THE MOST FEARLESS SNAKE-CATCHER THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT OFFERED ME THE JOB AS OFFICIAL SNAKE EXTERMINATOR!
DOT'S A GOOT JOB I SHOULD THINK!
OH, YOU DON'T SAY SO!
BUT I DECLINED THE OFFER, YOU SEE BECAUSE I-I-I-ER-R-R-E-E-E HELP-HELP!
WHAT'S THE MATTER MR. DE NUT, DON'T YOU FEEL GOOD??
HELP! QUICK MR. BEERSTEINER QUICK I TELL YOU!!
VELL TON'T GET EXCITED, WHAT FOR DON'T YOU CATCH HIM! YOU ARE DER OFFICIAL SNAKE-KETCHER FROM DIS PICNIC!
WE-E-E-E A SNAKE
JUST HOLD VERY STILL UND I'LL KILL HIM MIT DIS BOTTLE!
BE SURE YOU HIT THE SNAKE PA!
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON BREAKS EXCITEDLY

Early Advance on Peace Prospects is Wiped Out by Lansing's Statement—Loss of 69 to 102 Points.

New York, Dec. 21.—A big early advance on a more optimistic view of peace prospects was followed by a demoralizing break in the cotton market this afternoon with selling extremely active and excited after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement.

March broke from 17.67 to 16.22, or 145 points from the high level of the morning and 102 points under last night's close. Last prices were practically the lowest of the day with the close irregular and excited at a net decline of 69 to 102 points.

The early news from Washington started a big buying movement at the opening which was encouraged by higher Liverpool cables, and rumors that one of the leading German steamship lines had notified correspondents that it was open to book ocean freight room for cotton and expected to resume sailing by February 1. The market started at an advance of 27 to 36 points and sold 40 to 43 points net higher during the middle of the morning, with January touching 17.39 and May 17.87, an advance of more than $3 a bale from the low level of yesterday.

The market turned easier under realizing and offerings were stimulated by later Washington advices. Stop loss orders were uncovered on a scale down and the market became sensationally excited, with January breaking to 15.99 and May to 16.45 in the late trading. Reports of further submarine activities seemed to emphasize Secretary Lansing's statement and the afternoon break reflected a fear that the war would assume still more disturbing features should peace negotiations fail.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	17.00	17.22	16.50	15.95
January	17.26	17.39	15.99	15.98
March	17.80	17.68	16.22	16.22
May	17.85	17.87	16.45	16.45
July	17.88	17.92	16.30	16.50
October	16.05	16.08	15.00	15.00

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 16.70; sales 100 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 2,629; sales, 2,485; stock, 482,850.

Galveston—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 8,501; exports, 7,006; sales, 799; stock, 389,365.

Mobile — Middling, 17.50; receipts, 791; stock, 17,683.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 3,395; sales, 400; stock, 202,496.

Charleston—Receipts, 428; stock, 72,845..

Wilmington — Receipts, 390; stock, 49,534.

Norfolk — Middling, 16.88; receipts, 1,423; sales, 243; stock, 110,894.

Baltimore—Stock, 8,124.

Boston—Middling, 17.15; receipts, 726; stock, 8,600.

Philadelphia—Middling, 16.95; stock, 933.

New York—Middling, 16.70; receipts, 10; exports, 2,000; stock, 146,507.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 10,289; exports, 10,289; stock, 46,356.

Total today—Receipts, 28,622; exports, 19,295; stock, 1,536,362.

Total for week—Receipts, 149,044; exports, 147,006.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,702,321; exports, 2,941,032.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 16.10; receipts, 9,660; shipments, 12,130; sales, 1,911; stock, 275,527.

Memphis—Receipts, 6,277; shipments, 2,525; stock, 310,760.

Augusta—Middling, 17.50; receipts, 1,010; shipments, 1,184; sales, 116; stock, 147,767.

St. Louis—Receipts, 1,251; shipments, 754; stock, 33,226.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 704; shipments, 787; stock, 23,852.

Little Rock — Middling, 17.75; receipts, 670; shipments, 1,084; sales, 1,084; stock, 58,841.

Dallas—Middling, 15.60; sales, 1,231.

Total today—Receipts, 19,572; shipments, 19,466; stock, 844,963.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

One of the Wildest Breaks in History of Exchange Follows Early Advance

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Wild trading, first a substantial advance and afterwards one of the wildest breaks ever recorded, resulted today in the cotton market from the note of President Wilson to the belligerents and the explanation of the reasons for the note made by Secretary Lansing. From the highest quotations of the day to the lowest there was a drop of 147 points, or practically $7.50 a bale. Selling continued right up to the close which was unsettled and last prices were about the lowest, showing a loss, compared to yesterday's close of 80 to 100 points.

The market opened strong, at the advance, on buying stimulated by Mr. Wilson's note and a much better Liverpool than due. The rise was maintained until it amounted to 40 to 48 points. Toward noon, when the first reports of Secretary Lansing's statements were being widely circulated, the market was quiet and steady a few points down from the top.

When the rumors of the statement were confirmed, prices broke violently and after that it was one continual slump, five and ten points frequently being lost between transactions. No noon practically all of the early rise was wiped out and in the afternoon a near-panic of selling developed. At the lowest the trading months stood 115 to 147 points down from the highest. The market had no support in the afternoon and it took the closing gong to check the offerings.

Closing bid: December 15.63; January 15.69; March 15.75; May 15.98; July 16.18; October 14.50.

Spot cotton steady and unchanged; sales on the spot 1,185 bales; to arrive 1,300 bales; middling 17.35.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—After an early advance of 20 to 28 points on new peace moves and short covering, cotton seed oil turned easy under liquidation, precipitated by the severe decline in cotton. Final prices were 5 points lower to 2 net high.

Close easier. Spot 12.30 bid; January 12.10 to 12.15; February 13.05 to 13.12; March 13.03 to 13.05; April 12.06 to 13.09; May 12.10 to 12.13; June 12.10 to 12.18; July 12.15 to 12.18; December 12.45 to 12.55. Total sales 29,800 barrels.

WHEAT PRICES AT NET GAIN

Quotations Fell on President's Note to Belligerents But This is Offset by Foreign Buying.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Big foreign purchasing turned out to be a more powerful influence in the wheat market today than President Wilson's move for peace or than Secretary Lansing's statement that the United States was being drawn near the verge of war.

A whirlwind fall of seven cents in wheat prices was followed by steep advances totalling 8 3-4 from the bottom level of the day. The close was strong, 1.63 1-4 to 1.63 3-4 for May and 1.35 3-8 to 1.35 5-8 for July with the market as a whole finishing at virtually the tip-top point reached, 1-8c off to 2 1-4c up, as compared with 24 hours before. Corn gained 1 1-4 to 1 5-8 net and oats 5-8 to 11-8. The result in provisions varied from 25c decline to a rise of 20 cents.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.63 1-4; July 1.35 3-8.

Corn—May 92 1-8; July 91 1-2.

Oats—May 52 5-8; July 50.

Pork—January 26.75; May 26.50.

Lard—January 15.82; May 16.00.

Ribs—January 13.75; May 14.15.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, No. 3 red, No. 2 hard and No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 92 to 92 1-2; No. 4 yellow 88 3-4 to 91; No. 4 white 90 to 91.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 5,233 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51¼c.

ROSIN—$5.70, $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50c.; rosin, $5.10 and $4.90; tar, $2.10-8½c.; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 5

Rosin .. .. .120

Tar 25

Crude Turpentine 4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 7 casks; rosin, 190 barrels; tar, 132 barrels; crude turpentine, 9 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16⅝c.; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—480 bales; same day last year, 864 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 72,355 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,563 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line—390 bales cotton; 25 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—90 bales cotton.

C. P. Dey—5 casks spirits turpentine; 120 barrels rosin; 4 barrels tar.

Total—480 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 120 barrels rosin; 25 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 21.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Cod hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 21. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 21. — Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, firmer, $1.30 to $1.32½ per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c. lb.; shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c. lb.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Hogs—Strong 5c above yesterday's average bulk 9.85@10.25; light 9.30@10.10; mixed 9.65@10.30; heavy 9.80@10.35; rough 9.80@9.90; pigs 7.60@9.30.

Cattle—Strong, native beef cattle, 7.00@11.75; Western steers 7.00@10.00; stockers 5.00@8.10; cows and heifers 2.85@10.00; calves 8.00@11.75.

Sheep—Strong, Wethers 9.00@10.00; ewes 6.25@9.65; lambs 11.10@12.40.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton goods were easy today in gray goods division. Yarns were softer. Men's wear openings were well attended and buyers made steady engagements for fall goods. Raw silk was easier.

SEVERE LOSSES IN STOCKS

Prices Tumble on Record Sales Amounting to 3,176,000 Shares—Peace Situation the Cause.

New York, Dec. 21.—On transactions amounting to 3,176,000 shares, a record almost without precedent, stocks today experienced another serious reversal of quoted values, the most thorough since the inception of the decline in the early part of last week. The market's action was again ascribed to the developments in the peace situation. Opening prices were depressed 2 to 7 points which was only a prelude to the increasing weakness of the later hours. The spectacular feature at the outset was an offering of 50,000 shares of United States Steel at 104 1-2 to 105 1-2, a maximum decline of 3 1-2 points. This, so far as is known, was without parallel in the history of the exchange.

Steel later fell to 100 1-8 and closed at 101, a net loss of seven points. Other industrials, including those of the so-called peace class, registered extreme losses of 3 to 5 points, while those popularly regarded as "war brides" receded 10 to 23 points, Bethlehem common, losing 11 points, with 10 for the preferred, while Nova Scotia Steel lost 20 points, with 33 for Gulf States Steel, common, and 25 for the second preferred.

In the group of prominent equipments, American Locomotive lost more than seven points, Baldwin Locomotive almost 12, and New York Airbrake 15 3-4. Among the less distinctive munitions and related issues, Lackawanna Steel fell 9 points and Crucible Steel 10 1-2. Issues such as Central Leather, American Hide & Leather, Industrial Alcohol, International Nickel and the metals as a whole forfeited 5 to 14 points, with 8 to 10 for sugar and 5 to 13 for motors. Shipping registered gross declines of 3 to 14 points, Mercantile Marines being least affected, with constant pressure against Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies and United Fruit. The proposed nationalization of the British merchant marine excited further apprehension.

The greatest surprise was furnished by the rails. Dividend shares such as Union Pacific, Reading, Norfolk & Western, Canadian Pacific and St. Paul showing gross losses of 3 3-4 to 8 points. Weakness in this group was most pronounced after declaration of the extra 2 per cent dividend on Union Pacific.

Bonds were highly irregular, domestic issues weakening on the set-back in rails, while Internationals were strong. Total sales, par value $5,350,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	24⅞
American Beet Sugar	84
American Can	44⅝
American Car and Foundry	61
American Cotton Oil	48⅛
American Locomotive	70
American Smelting	102½
American Sugar	106
American Tel and Tel	125⅝
American Tobacco	212
American Zinc	36
Anaconda Copper	78
Atchison	102¼
Atlantic Coast Line	118
Baldwin Locomotive	55
Baltimore and Ohio	82
Bethlehem Steel	509
Canadian Pacific	162¾
Central Leather	75⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	62
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	89
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	31⅞
Colorado Fuel and Iron	41
Consolidated Gas	129¾
Corn Products	20½
Crucible Steel	52
Cuba Cane Sugar	43½
Erie	34
General Electric	163
Great Northern, pfd	115½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	32½
Goodrich	59⅞
Illinois Central	105
Inspiration Copper	50¼
Int. Mer. Marine, Pfd	85¼
International Nickel	39⅝
International Paper	25
Kansas City Southern	40¼
Kennecott Copper	77
Lehigh Valley	130⅛
Louisville and Nashville	139.260
Liggett and Meyers	225
Maxwell Motors	45
Mexican Petroleum	89
National Lead	57
New York Central	105½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	49½
Norfolk and Western	133
Northern Pacific	108
Pennsylvania	56
Ray Consolidated Copper	24
Reading	101¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	71½
Seaboard Air Line	16
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	36
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	50½
Studebaker Corporation	106½
Southern Pacific	95
Southern Railway	30⅛
Southern Railway, pfd	67½
Tennessee Copper	162
Texas Co	202
Union Pacific	143⅞
United Fruit	140
United States Rubber	56½
United States Steel	101
United States Steel, pfd	117
Utah Copper	94½
Virginia-Caro. Chem	38¼
Wabash, pfd., "B"	28½
Western Union	94⅛
Westinghouse Electric	52
Missouri Pacific, w. i.	33

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Spot cotton hardening; good middling 10.62; middling 10.52; low middling 10.36. Sales 7,000 bales; 700 for speculation and export; receipts 62,000 bales.

Futures barely steady, closing: December 10.23; December and January 10.22; January and February 10.23; February and March 10.28; March and April 10.35; April and May 10.40; May and June 10.45; June and July 10.45; July and August 10.44; August and September 10.16; September and October 9.77; October and November 9.66; November and December 9.58; December and January 9.54.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS

New York, Dec. 21.—Raw sugar unsettled; centrifugal 5.14; molasses 4.27; refined quiet.

Coffee—Spot steady; Rio 7s, 9 3-4; Santos 4s, 10 3-4.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 22, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 62 degrees; at 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .20 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.11 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Local rains Friday, colder west and central portions with a cold wave at night. Saturday fair, colder east portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 22, 1916.

Sun rises .. .. 7:14 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. 5:07 P. M.

Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	7:44	7:55	2:26	3:16
Southport	5:17	5:32	11:53	11:53
Masonboro Inl.	5:06	5:21	11:33	11:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 21, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	28	14	.0
Asheville	rain	54	34	.6
Atlanta	rain	48	34	.02
Augusta	rain	56	42	.20
Baltimore	cldy	42	—	.40
Birmingh	rain	58	48	.10
Boston	cldy	34	32	.22
Charleston	cldy	62	56	.02
Charlotte	rain	48	32	.12
Chicago	cldy	18	12	.04
Galveston	clear	46	40	.0
Jacksonv.	rain	62	60	4.64
Memphis	snow	22	22	.0
Mobile	clear	68	56	.0
Montgom'y	rain	56	52	.04
New Orl	pt cldy	72	58	.0
New York	cldy	44	30	.40
Oklahoma	clear	10	4	.28
Palestine	clear	28	22	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	42	36	.10
Raleigh	rain	52	40	.08
Savannah	cldy	62	56	.44
Shreveport	clear	34	26	.0
St. Louis	snow	12	10	.04
Washing'n	cldy	44	34	.34

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-4 per cent; sterling 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70 3-4; demand 4.75 1-2; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 76 1-2. Mexican dollars 59. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds weak. Time loans steady, 60 and 90 days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2; six months 4 to 4 1-4. Call money strong, ruling rate 4 per cent.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES

Savannah, Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm 52 1-2; sales 219; receipts 356; shipments 30; stock 22,679.

Rosin firm; sales 506; receipts 1,361; shipments 1,571; stock 92,238: A. B. C. E. F. 6.10; G. H. 6.15; I. 6.17 1-2; K. 6.20; M. 6.50; N. 6.80; W. G. 7.00; WW. 7.20.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 21.—Beeves, no trading.

Calves—Steady; common to prime veals 10.00 to 16.00; culls 9.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady; sheep, ewes 7.00 to 8.50; lambs 12.00 to 13.50.

Hogs—No trading.

TWO ROADS TO BE SOLD

Sale of Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Ordered by Court.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—The sale at foreclosure of the Missouri Pacific and of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroads was ordered by Judge Hook in the United States District court here today and will probably take place in February. The minimum price for the Missouri Pacific was fixed at $16,150,000, and for the Iron Mountain at $22,000,000. The two roads have been in receivership since August, 1915, and plans for their re-organization have been approved.

COAL

BUILDERS' SUPPLIES

STORAGE

W. B. THORPE & COMPANY

$47.55.

EXCURSION TO H—A—V—A—N—A THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.

For the Christmas and New Year Holiday excursion to Cuba the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.

Fares will apply via Jacksonville; thence via the East Coast and the "Over Sea Railroad," or via the West Coast of Florida, through Port Tampa, but not going via one route and returning via the other, and tickets will be good to stop over at all stations on route, either on the going or return trip, or both.

PROPORTIONATE FARES FROM NEARLY EVERY OTHER POINT IN VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA. CHILDREN HALF FARE.

For schedules, reservations on trains and ships, and interesting literature on Cuba, apply to the undersigned, who will procure it for you promptly.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

'PHONE 160.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

The Standard Railroad of the South.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 65 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.

Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

WRESTLING

The Masked Marvel vs. Fritz Hanson

WOOLVIN HALL

TONIGHT

Everybody Reads the Star Business Locals

BRAY BROTHERS

STOCKS & BONDS

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WE OFFER

18 shares Dixie Fire Insurance Co.
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CLYDE LINE

TO NEW YORK

AND

GEORGETOWN, S. C.

New York to Wilmington.

Steamship Chippewa, Mon., Dec. 18th
Steamship Chippewa, Sat., Dec. 30th

Wilmington to Georgetown.

Steamship Chippewa, Thurs., Dec. 21st
Steamship Chippewa, Tues., Jan. 2nd

Wilmington to New York.

Steamship Chippewa, Mon., Dec. 25th
Steamship Chippewa, Sat., Jan. 6th
Steamship Chippewa DOES NOT carry passengers.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South. Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—6:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE.

No. 23—6:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Atlantic Coast Line

"The Standard Railroad of the South."

Excursion Fares

FROM WILMINGTON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION FARES

Atlanta	$17.50
Birmingham	$24.20
Charleston	$8.15
Chattanooga	$22.35
Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$23.15
Jacksonville	$10.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$5.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$20.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$20.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba.

Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

**Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard

YOUNG LADY IS BURNED RESIDENCE DESTROYED

Result of Kindling Fire With Oil, Causing Explosion.

Miss Ruth Lindley, of Guilford, in Sanford Hospital and May Die From Burns Received in Adcock Home at Cumnock.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Sanford, N. C., Dec. 21.—Miss Ruth Lindley is near death at the local hospital as a result of an explosion of oil with which she was kindling fire at the residence of J. C. Adcock, at Cumnock, five miles west of Sanford, early this evening. The flame enveloped her body and spread from her garments to other articles in the room, soon reducing the house to ashes.

Miss Lindley, age 20, a teacher in the Cumnock school, was boarding at the Adcock home. Her parents live at Guilford College, N. C. Her screams brought assistance and the flames which almost completely consumed her garments, were smothered. She was at once brought to the local hospital, but physicians say that hope for her recovery is very slight.

Mr. Adcock's house was burned to the ground and was protected with but little insurance. His loss is estimated at about $2,000. Much of the furniture was saved.

Miss Lindley is very popular in this community and deep sorrow is evidenced here over the tragedy. She had expected to leave Cumnock Friday to spend Christmas with her parents. Mr. Adcock is a Southern Railway employe and is held in high regard here. His loss has caused much sympathy among his friends in this section.

STOCKS BREAK ON FREN IED SELLING

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actually was on the floor of the exchange.

During the first half hour there were recoveries of from 2 to 7 points when the less mercurial shares found some support, but renewed pressure on Steel and other leaders was the signal for another flood of offerings. This weakness continued until noon, subject to occasional rallies of a point or two, and then after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement another heavy selling movement set in which continued actively until the close.

Rails Were Weak.

The weakness of the railway division, hitherto the market's bulwark, was one of the surprises of the day. Its decline coincided with the declaration of an extra dividend of 2 per cent on Union Pacific, which under ordinary circumstances might have been the signal for an advance.

WILSON'S NOTE RECEIVED WITH STARTLING SURPRISE IN LONDON

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proach to the Entente. In that case a useful purpose may be served, for we then would be in a position to judge whether war weariness is associated with the consciousness of criminality of which Germany has been found guilty in the judgment of the civilized world and the extent to which this will induce her to yield to the Allies' inexorable demands for guarantees against future barbarism."

HOPES BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT AMERICAN AID.

London, Dec. 21.—Noel E. Buxton, liberal member for North Norfolk, expressed in the house of commons the hope that "the government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace."

Mr. Buxton paid tribute to the generosity of the United States toward Belgium and to the help it had given the Entente in the war, and said:

"There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the war because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

WANTS PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED

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the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals. On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man who, considering the condition under which this war was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believes that the dangers and securities from which we have suffered can be cured in any way than but by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?

"What are we fighting for? Not territory, not greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for security for peace in time to come. Let the house remember that what has happened in this war—outrages in Belgium, outrages by sea and land, massacres in Armenia which Germany could have stopped by a word—then realize this: The war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done.

"Is peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? It is my firm belief that until all nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces must be vindicated there never can be an enduring peace."

NEARLY $2,500,000 OF THE SUM PLEDGED LAST NIGHT.

New York, Dec. 21.—Nearly $2,500,000 for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Europe was pledged at a great mass meeting in Carnegie Hall tonight. Jacob H. Schiff, of this city, and Julius S. Rosenwald, of Chicago, headed the list with $100,000 each. A total of $466,875 was subscribed by 40 persons.

The meeting was the first step in a campaign undertaken by the American Jewish central committee and the people's relief committee to raise $10,000,000 for war relief measures in 1917. The subscriptions received tonight came from all parts of the country.

Thousands of Jews who had not been supplied with tickets surrounded the hall before the doors were opened.

CAROLINA TIMBER TO BE USED ON SCOTCH RAILROAD.

English Syndicate Closes Big Deal With Durham Lumberman.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 21.—An English syndicate today closed a deal with local lumbermen for 1,000,000 feet of white oak timber, which it was said would be used in constructing a new railroad in Scotland. The new line, it was asserted, would be 1,000 miles long, but no other details were available here.

CLEARING WEATHER TODAY.

Will be Followed by Rapidly Falling Temperatures in the South.

Washington, Dec. 21. — Clearing weather in the South tomorrow will be accompanied by rapidly falling temperatures, with a cold wave at night in central and western North Carolina, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, Georgia Alabama and northern Florida, the Weather Bureau announced tonight. It will be somewhat warmer Saturday in Tennessee and the east Gulf states.

Advisory storm warnings, issued at 6 o'clock tonight for the Atlantic coast from Charleston to Fortress Monroe, were ordered down four hours later, the disturbance then headed that way from Alabama having veered inland and northward.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS IN DOBRUDJA HAVE MET WITH SOME SUCCESS

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that Emperor Charles has received a deputation of Austrian Jews, headed by the Viennese grand rabbi. The emperor thanked the deputation for their visit and assured them that the Jews would forever enjoy the right guaranteed to all citizens."

NEW DEMANDS ARE MADE UPON GREECE BY ENTENTE

London, Dec. 21.—The new note of the Entente Allies to Greece, which, according to the understanding here, was presented today, includes, says Reuters Telegram Company, the following principal demands:

"The control of telegraphs, posts and railways; the release of all Venizelist prisoners; the prohibition of meetings of reservists and an inquiry by a mixed commission into the disturbances of December 1-2."

NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS BEARS NO THREAT U. S. MAY BE DRAWN INTO WAR

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tributed at the State Department. It follows:

Lansing's Second Statement.

"I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made this morning and I wish to correct that impression.

"My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country as one of the neutral nations has in the possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality which it has constantly pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties.

"I regret that my words were open to any other construction, as I now realize they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents show their purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accomplished."

At the White House no comment whatever was made on the note itself nor on the two statements by Secretary Landsing. The German embassy gave no outward evidences of concern over the sudden developments.

Allies May Take Friendly View.

Entente diplomats, at first at an utter loss how to handle the unexpected situation, became convinced that a clearer understanding of the necessities and purposes of the United States proved that their fear of a move favorable to Germany was not contemplated and that this country would not try to force peace on Europe. The view grew that the United States feared that unless the peace proposals go through now, a period of ruthlessness and retaliation may set in on both sides which will inevitably force this country into action. It is indicated, therefore, that the allied diplomats will advise their governments to view the note in a friendly spirit and go as far as possible towards meeting the wishes of the United States.

Secretary Lansing, in calling the diplomatic representatives of the belligerents, is reported to have made it clear to them individually that the United States expected the replies of their governments to be absolutely frank in all details. The idea was gathered that the United States was looking forward to forming itself into a clearing house at least for views and probably for terms, including those relating to territory.

BRYAN CONGRATULATES THE PRESIDENT ON THE NOTE

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Wilson today received a telegram from former Secretary Bryan, congratulating him on his note to the belligerents. It said:

"You have rendered an invaluable service to a war-stricken world in asking the belligerent nations to set forth in specific terms the concessions and assurances which they deem necessary to the establishment of a lasting peace. It would be a reflection upon the nations at war to doubt that they know the ends for which they are fighting, or to assume that they have any purposes which they are unwilling to reveal.

"A definite statement by both sides, no matter how far these statements may be apart, will clear the air and afford a basis for negotiations, and when negotiations begin they are not likely to terminate until an agreement is reached, because neither side will consent to assume responsibility for continuing the unspeakable horrors of this conflict any reasonable terms can be secured.

"Accept cordial congratulations and my earnest wish for the success of the movement, which you have had the honor to inaugurate."

New York, Dec. 21.—George Moore, of this city, retained his title as world's three-cushion carom billiard champion tonight by defeating Alfredo De Oro, of Cuba, by a total score of 150 to 128 in a three block match.

SECRETARY AND MRS. DANIELS HEAD RECEIVING LINE AT BALL

President and Mrs. Wilson Attend Function Given by Southern Society.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The President and Mrs. Wilson, members of the cabinet and nearly all of the Latin-American diplomatic representatives attended a Pan-American ball given here tonight at the Pan-American building by the Southern Society of Washington.

Secretary and Mrs. Daniels were at the head of the receiving line and with them was Miss Mary Custis Lee, of Virginia, daughter of Robert E. Lee and great-great-grand-daughter of Martha Washington.

London, Dec. 21.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Modig has been sunk. Her crew was landed. The shipping agency also says the Norwegian steamer, Falk is reported to have been torpedoed. Her crew also was landed.

WILMINGTON'S POPULATION IS ESTIMATED AT 29,892

Local Conditions Not Taken Into Consideration by Census Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The population of the city of Wilmington is 29,892, according to the Census Bureau's estimates of the population of cities throughout the country announced today. Other North Carolina cities are given population figures as follow:

Charlotte 38,823; Winston-Salem 31,155; Asheville 20,823; Raleigh 20,127; Durham 20,061; Greensboro 19, 577.

Census officials were careful to explain that the estimates did not take into consideration local conditions, and that they are based solely on the rate of the population increase or decrease in the past.

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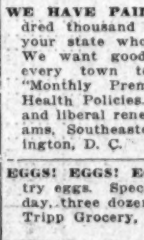

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